



City of Detroit

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CITY COUNCIL

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**MARY SHEFFIELD**  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Detroit Homeland Security  
**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council  
**DATE:** July 3, 2023  
**RE:** Requesting Update to Detroit365 Alerts

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Recently, Detroit was identified as having one of the worst air qualities in the world because of the ongoing Canadian wildfires. This news was alarming to our residents and without an alert from city officials, they were left to rely on news sources and social media for updates.

The Detroit365 alert system currently notifies for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash floods, and winter storms. I would like to expand the current system to include air quality alerts. This change would offer comfort and guidance to our residents while local air quality concerns continue.

If there is anything my office can do to support this change, please let me know. You may contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at [yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov](mailto:yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov) if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues  
City Clerk