



City of Detroit  
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District 2

Statement Regarding Redistricting and the Grixdale Farms Community

Since the beginning of the redistricting conversation myself and my staff have been adamant about keeping Grixdale Farms and the communities east of Woodward Avenue in District 2. Unfortunately, we were given only ONE map that allowed for this. Map 2 is the only map that would keep Grixdale Farms in District 2. Even after 3 more maps were created, we were still never given an additional option to keep Grixdale Farms. However, this did not stop our efforts.

After finding that Map 2 was not as popular with my colleagues as I would have liked it to be, my staff submitted a request for an additional map that would keep Grixdale Farms and the communities east of Woodward in my district. I would like to thank Director Marcell Todd for responding to my request for a new map. We appreciate all the hard work that Director Todd and his staff put into creating the maps and your willingness and ability to respond in a timely manner.

Sadly, we will not be able to move forward with these options since the vote is today, but I want my residents to know that I fought for you to the very end. I know that any changes to my district will cause changes in the other districts. Anytime we try to keep neighborhoods other neighborhoods must shift. It causes a cascading effect that I cannot control.

I want my District 2 residents to know that we heard you. Grixdale Farms residents were more vocal than any other community. District 2 residents had the greatest amount of participation in this conversation both in person and virtually. You were unwavering about who you wanted to represent you and your voices resonated with me.

To my constituents in Grixdale, even if things don't go our way, I want you to know that I love you. You all cried out to me for help, and I wanted to be there for you. We have gotten alleys cleaned, houses demolished, we will set up a plan for this neighborhood the likes of which has never been seen before. I tried my best to be there for you, and I hope that I delivered on my promise to you. You will always hold a special place in my heart. I truly hope that the council person who becomes your council person in 2025 is ready to keep up the work that we started together. Until that time, I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

Thank you.