

City of Detroit


CITY COUNCIL

GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Antoine Bryant, Director
Planning and Development Department

THRU: Council Member Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: March 15, 2024

RE: Hotel at Water Square Development - Benefits Request

The Hotel at Water Square Development could be a great addition to our city and downtown landscape. In consideration of the total incentives being given to the project, I believe additional benefits are needed to make the development truly equitable. With the addition of the following community benefits, this project can be equally beneficial for the environment and community. Please see the below requests to the Hotel at Water Square Development Team.

1. \$1 Million donation to the Strategic Neighborhood Fund
2. Additional \$500k donation to the Grow Detroit's Youth Talent Program
3. Implementation of Bird Safe Provisions
 - Bird-safe glass (on the bottom 4 floors)
 - Bird-deterrent treatment of the glass skywalk
 - Bird-safe, downward directed lighting – IES/ANSI compliant
 - Bird-safe landscaping plan

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison