



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett, Corporation Counsel, Detroit Law Department
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
DATE: July 1, 2024
RE: Request for Legal Opinion on Zoning Requirements for Neighborhood Solar Project

At Formal Session on Tuesday, May 25, City Council received an update on the Administration's proposed Neighborhood Solar Project. It has been stated that this industrial project, while planned for residential zoning areas, is not bound by any zoning restrictions because it is for city utility use. I am requesting that the Law Department provide a comprehensive opinion on this matter, including any possible opposing legal interpretations, the consequences of setting a new precedent, and other potential results of this zoning decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and response.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk