

# City of Detroit

## CITY COUNCIL

**GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO**  
COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6


### MEMORANDUM

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TO: David Bell, Director  
Building Safety Engineering and Environmental Department

LaJuan Counts, Director  
Construction & Demolition Department

THRU: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: October 23, 2024

RE: 7606 Holmes, Detroit, MI, 48210

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A resident of the Midwest neighborhood has contacted our office to report that the abandoned property at 7606 Holmes St. poses a serious hazard and should be demolished. During our office's site visit on September 4, 2024, we confirmed that the house is a significant danger and nuisance to the community. The property has suffered extensive fire damage, with no doors or windows, and there is visible trash and debris scattered across the area.

According to the BSEED Dangerous Buildings division, this property has been on the dangerous buildings list since 2017. However, we are concerned because it has not yet been referred for demolition. Our office would like to request clarification from BSEED regarding the following:

1. Why has the property at 7606 Holmes St. not yet been referred for demolition, despite being on the dangerous buildings list since 2017?
2. When can we expect this property to be referred for demolition?

Additionally, we request the following information from the Construction & Demolition Department:

3. How soon after the referral will this property be added to the demolition list?
4. When can the community reasonably expect the demolition to take place?

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working together to address the safety concerns of the Midwest neighborhood.