



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

JAMES E. TATE JR.
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: LaJuan Counts, Director, Construction and Demolition Department

THUR: Public Health and Safety Standing Committee

FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.

DATE: Friday, October 4, 2024

RE: Halting the Demolition of 17203 and 17205 Lahser Rd.

I am respectfully requesting the Construction and Demolition Department (CDD) to halt the demolition the 17203 and 17205 Lahser Rd., the historic homes for the Redford Printing Co. and Detroit Suburban Newspapers Inc. Currently, both buildings are owned by the City of Detroit.

Additionally, please respond to the following questions:

1. Outside of authoring this memo, what additional steps are needed for CDD to halt the demolition of both structures?
2. When were both locations approved for demolition be City Council?

My office will work with the Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) and the Planning and Development Department (PDD) to find funding sources to stabilize both historic structures.

Thank you,

CC: Dr. Janese Chapman, Historic Designation Advisory Board
Ms. Lisa DiChera, Historic Designation Advisory Board
Mr. Jason Friedman, Housing and Revitalization Department