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To: Councilmember Coleman A. Young

From: Timothy Palazzolo, Director, Construction and Demolition Department *TP*

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Re: Responses to 2025-2026 CDD Budget Analysis

Please find below responses to your questions sent on 3/21/2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the Construction and Demolition Department.

1. With continued demolitions, how is the department coordinating with planning and housing agencies to ensure that vacant land is repurposed effectively for community benefit?

The Department has a strong working relationship with the Housing & Revitalization Department, the Detroit Housing Commission, and the Detroit Land Bank Authority, and we have completed demolition projects in coordination with these agencies for a future community use. In these situations, we will work as safely and efficiently as possible to turn the site over to the respective department. When approached by an interested party about a community use, we will immediately direct that party to the appropriate point of contact in the relevant department or agency.

2. What measures are in place to ensure demolition contracts prioritize Detroit-based businesses and create local job opportunities?

The Detroit Construction & Demolition Department and Office of Contracting & Procurement remain very active and engaged in recruiting Detroit-based, minority/women owned businesses and joint ventures to join our program. The Construction & Demolition Department and OCP participate, and host numerous events throughout the year to recruit new businesses to our program. This includes but is not limited to participating in Detroit's Annual Construction Conference, hosting our own trucking outreach event, and attending the National Demolition Association's annual conference to promote opportunities with the City of Detroit. In addition, the Detroit Construction & Demolition Department & OCP brings potential new trash-out contractors out with our team in the field to walk them through active trash-outs, teach them our scope of service firsthand, and to assist finalizing their pre-qualification application.



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- 3. Are there any new technologies or cost-saving methods being explored to make the demolition process more efficient and environmentally Sustainable?**

The Department does not self-perform any demolition work. However, we strongly encourage contractors to explore innovative means and methods for demolition. From our perspective, we attempt to bundle demolition sites together in a manner that creates the greatest opportunity for efficiency.