



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division  
**FROM:** Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. James E. Tate, Pro-Tempore, Chair, Planning and Economic  
Development Standing Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

**VIA:** Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield  
**DATE:** 1 April 2025

**RE:** REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PISTONS'  
WATERFRONT MULTISPORT COMPLEX

I am requesting that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution in support of the Detroit Pistons' proposed investment in a waterfront multisport complex. This project represents a transformational opportunity for the city and region by activating the riverfront, supporting youth development, and advancing Detroit's reputation as a center for athletics and recreation.

The resolution should express strong City Council support for the Pistons' commitment to the Detroit athletics and the riverfront. In addition, include advocacy for the inclusion of the following features/sports into the complex:

- **World-class indoor tennis courts** capable of hosting USTA tournament level events.
- **An indoor competition-grade track and field facility** that can host Amateur Athletic Union events.
- **Sailing and crewing infrastructure, and programming** to further activate the Detroit River, and support access to Olympic and scholarship water-based sports.

This initiative has the potential to provide lasting benefits to residents, attract regional and national events, and promote equity through access to high-quality recreational facilities.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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