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To: The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At Large

From: Todd Bettison, Chief of Police, Detroit Police Department

Date: April 09, 2025

Re: Responses to 2025-2026 DPD Budget Analysis

Please find below responses to your questions sent on 3/24/2025 regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the Detroit Police Department.

- 1. Goal #1-"A robust energetic DPD focused on reducing crime throughout the city so residents can freely walk the streets without fear. This focus will target repeat violent offenders and bring them to justice if they continue their violent ways." And Goal #10-"High levels of satisfaction with police performance in meeting community needs, resulting in higher levels of police legitimacy in the community and increased confidence that the police are treating everyone with respect, regardless of the circumstances."**

Keeping these goals in mind, can you tell us if these goals can or will include the reintroduction of police mini-stations (neighborhood liaisons, and policing), specifically housed inside of Senior Housing complexes as there is \$6.9 million for the Chief's Neighborhood Liaison up by \$1.6 million and an increase of 14 officers?

(There are currently substations in other locations within the city, like the sub-station at Meijer's on 8 mile at Woodward, why not the Senior Housing complexes?)

The strategic plan consisting of fourteen police officers who will serve as Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO) will not include the reintroduction of mini-stations across the city of Detroit at this time. The deployment strategy out of the office of the Chief of Police will adequately address the concerns and improve the public safety services to our senior residents.

The department will assess this strategy periodically and at the time of assessment explore options of possible mini-stations to improve effectiveness.



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2. **"Public Services provides continuous social work and supportive services to the victims, families, and communities affected by Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence-Intimate Partner Violence, (IPV), Homicide, and Other Assaultive Crimes within Detroit. The Victims Assistance Unit provides services to restore physical and emotional health." A review of the staff compliment for the Public Services sector of the department, there appears to be a reduction of 13 slots in Transit Police Operations and an increase of 4 positions in the Victim's Assistance sector. Can you share with me where the other 9 positions may have moved to within the department, or is this simply a reduction in staffing levels?**

There is no decrease in positions in Transit Police Operations in the FY26 Proposed Budget. There are 45 positions budgeted in Transit Police in FY26, and there were 45 positions budgeted in Transit Police in FY25 (see page B37-39).

Should you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Agency CFO Nevrus Nazarko, of the Office of Departmental Financial Services, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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