



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 25, 2025

TO: Conrad Mallet, Corporation Counsel, Law Department

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember 

SUBJECT: Community Benefits Agreements

Greetings,

Please respond to the following questions:

1. What is the process for creating a voluntary Community Benefits Agreement with an external entity developing a large-scale project?
2. What are the legal considerations for a voluntary Community Benefits Agreement?
3. Are there any requirements for determining an impact area and a Neighborhood Advisory Council for a Community Benefits Agreement that is not required by ordinance? If not, what are the best practices to follow regarding these two aspects?
4. Is there anything else we should consider when negotiating a voluntary Community Benefits Agreement?

If you have any questions, please contact our Policy Analyst Erin Stanley at erin.stanley@detroitmi.gov.

Thank you!