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CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marcell Todd, Director
City Planning Commission

THRU: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero 

DATE: June 25, 2025

RE: "Bridge Plaza" as a land-use zone requiring screening

On June 5, 2025, a public hearing was held during the Planning and Economic Development standing committee regarding the "Text amendment to Chapter 50 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Zoning, to streamline and update the current set of landscaping and screening requirements that apply to a limited set of specific land uses and site features, and to modernize related fence and wall standards for nonresidential uses with the goal of proactively improving the appearance of commercial and industrial properties and corridors."

Considering feedback heard in the hearing, and in concert with additional feedback provided by the Equitable Development Task Force, I'm requesting the following be included in the amendment:

- A definition of "Bridge Plaza" as a specific land use zone
- A requirement for this use "Bridge Plaza" to be screened with Type VI or Type V buffers.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cc: Honorable Detroit City Council
Louise Jones, City Clerk's Office
Malik Washington, City Council Liaison