



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conrad Mallett, Chief Corporation Counsel, Law Department
FROM: Hon. Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Chair, Public Health & Safety
Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Hon. Council President Mary Sheffield
DATE: 10 October 2025

RE: REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION ON PROCESS TO CLOSE
KRONOS CONCRETE IN DISTRICT 3

I am requesting a legal opinion outlining the process and authority available to the City of Detroit to pursue closure of Kronos Concrete, located in District 3.

The facility has been the subject of ongoing community complaints regarding environmental, operational, and quality-of-life concerns. As such, I am seeking guidance on the legal avenues the City may utilize, including enforcement actions, zoning or permitting considerations, and any relevant state or federal environmental procedures that could facilitate its closure.

Your analysis should clarify the steps required, potential legal risks, and any coordination necessary with other City departments or state agencies.

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

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