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DENZEL ANTON MCCAMPBELL COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Bowser, Chief of Staff
Mayor's Office

THRU: Council President James Tate

FROM: Council Member Denzel Anton McCampbell *Denzel A. McCampbell*

DATE: March 30, 2026

RE: FY27 Budget Questions

Thank you again for your time and for the presentation during the recent hearing. We appreciate Mayor offices' willingness to walk through current operations and respond to council questions. As a follow-up, I have a few additional questions so I can better understand some of the issues discussed on the record and areas that may come up in future policy discussions.

- 1.) The budget shows that Homeland Security funding and positions were removed from the Mayor's Office and moved to the Police Department what is the strategy behind this shift?
 - a. How will this impact coordination between emergency management and community-based response efforts?
- 2.) Professional and contractual services were reduced by over \$200,000 what services are being cut or brought in-house, and why?
 - a. Equipment funding dropped to zero how will the office maintain operations without new equipment investments?
 - b. Are departments expected to share resources?
- 3.) The Office of Immigrant Affairs is being moved into the Mayor's Office how is this reflected in the budget, and will staffing or services expand as a result?
 - a. What new services or improvements can immigrant communities expect?
 - b. How will success be measured?
 - c. How will this affect the strategic plan as part of the money budgeted under HRD in FY26 was for staffing?
- 4.) Funding for initiatives like Halloween and Spring Cleaning continues how are these programs evaluated for impact in neighborhoods?

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- 5.) What is the Department of Neighborhoods doing to reach residents who are not already connected to block clubs or neighborhood groups?
 - a. How are seniors, renters, and disconnected residents being included?
- 6.) With new offices like Senior Affairs and Youth & Education under this umbrella, how will services be tailored to meet the specific needs of seniors and young people?
 - a. Are there dedicated programs or just coordination efforts?
 - b. How are these populations being consulted?
- 7.) How does the Department of Neighborhoods coordinate with other city departments to ensure resident concerns are resolved, not just reported?
- 8.) Will the Department publish district-level data showing complaints, response times, and outcomes so residents can track progress?
- 9.) Given Trump's escalating pressure on Detroit election administration and the very real prospect of heightened ICE and DHS enforcement in Detroit this November, what concrete steps is your administration taking to protect all Detroiters from out-of-control federal law enforcement, to protect voter turnout, and offer clear guidance to DPD, the Law Department, the Election Department, and other departments that the City will not cooperate with federal agents?
- 10.) How is the department working with local farmers and community organizations as part of its composting strategy, and what opportunities exist to strengthen those partnerships?

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, Director of City Government Affairs