



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: David Bell, Director, Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental 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 James E. Tate**

**DATE:** 17 April 2026

**RE: STEVENS THOMPSON MASON SCHOOL PROPERTY AT 19635 MITCHELL STREET**

I am requesting immediate attention to the Stevens Thompson Mason School property, located at 19635 Mitchell Street, Detroit, Michigan 48234. Although the school is permanently closed, the site continues to present serious neighborhood concerns. Residents report that the building is open and unsecured, illegal dumping is occurring on the property, and trash has accumulated throughout the site.

The condition of this property has become a growing source of frustration for the Mitchell Street Block Club and surrounding residents. An unsecured building combined with dumping and debris creates a public nuisance, undermines neighborhood stability, and raises legitimate safety concerns for those living nearby.

I am requesting prompt inspection, enforcement, and any action necessary to secure and clean the property.

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

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