

City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Carmody, President, Eastern Market Corporation
FROM: City Council President Mary Sheffield
DATE: March 18, 2022
RE: Eastern Market Corporation Budget Questions FY22-23

1. Please let us know of any rezoning plans that are upcoming for the Eastern Market. How do these rezoning plans benefit the long-time residents of this community?
2. Many people view the Eastern Market as a great location for the opening of a dispensary. Is this something the corporation is considering?
3. The Eastern Market's mission statement includes a commitment to racial equity. What percentage of your vendors and employees are black or people of color? Are there grants/programs to support minority vendors?
4. One major benefit of the Eastern Market to residents is its walkability. Is there any consideration to make Russell Street pedestrian-only on weekends?
5. There has been some resident concern about the possibility of mass production of food at the Eastern Market. Will the corporation consult with residents before commencing mass food production?
6. The Eastern Market's mission is to increase inclusivity while bringing food access to Detroiters. Are there any initiatives upcoming to make the Eastern Market more accessible for handicapped patrons?

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7. The mayor's recommended FY22-23 budget grants the Eastern Market a one-time \$350,000 payment from the previous fiscal year's surplus. How will this funding be used?

8. The Mayor's FY22-23 budget maintains \$225,000 in City Capital Projects funding offered to the Eastern Market Corporation. This is the same amount as last year and all available future projections. Please provide details on how this funding is being used each year.