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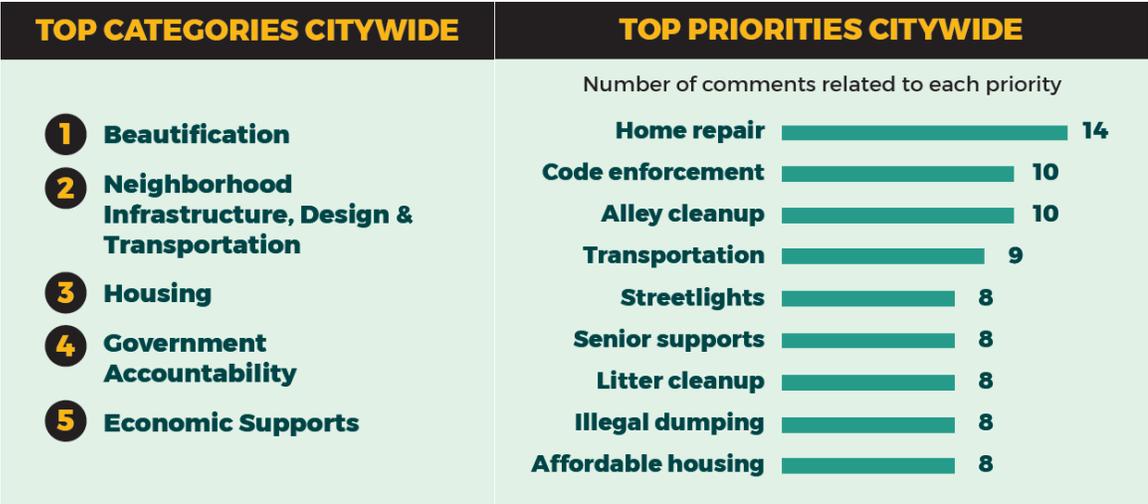
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Executive Summary

The Office of Budget, in partnership with the Department of Neighborhoods, conducted nine meetings throughout the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 (“FY24 Budget”) budget development process: two Annual Public Budget Meetings and seven District Budget Priorities Forums (one for each Council District). The purpose of these meetings was to provide information on how the budget process works as well as hear residents’ budget priorities, in accordance with the City Charter and Community Outreach Ordinance. All meetings began with a brief presentation on key budget highlights, followed by an interactive public comment period.

WHAT THE BUDGET OFFICE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS

Residents voiced many things they would like to see prioritized in the FY24 Budget. The Budget Office took notes on every item mentioned by a resident and grouped the items into *priorities* and the priorities into *categories*. The top categories and priorities mentioned by residents during the Annual Public Budget meetings and the District Budget Priorities Forums were the following:



This report provides a detailed breakdown of priorities raised by district. Information on district priorities begins on page 18.

HOW THE FY24 BUDGET ADDRESSES RESIDENT CONCERNS

The FY24 Budget addresses most concerns raised by residents, either directly through budget funding or indirectly through City or non-City programming. This report explains how the FY24 Budget addresses each priority. The report groups priorities under each department that has responsibility for that priority and provides an explanation for how the department addresses that priority.

Introduction

In accordance with Chapter 12, Article X of the 2019 Detroit City Code (the “Community Outreach Ordinance”), the Mayor’s proposed annual budget to the City Council constitutes a “city-wide proposal” under the ordinance and is subject to the following community outreach process:

- (1) Prior to submitting a City-wide Proposal to City Council for consideration, a representative of the Administering Department, in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods, shall hold one outreach meeting in each of the seven City Council districts.
- (2) The Administering Department shall present an Administrative Summary of the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution at the meeting(s) required under Subsection (1) of this section and discuss ways in which the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution is anticipated to affect the impacted neighborhood.
- (3) If an outreach meeting is not feasible, technology-aided outreach may be used to allow community input for a minimum of four weeks.
- (4) The Administering Department, in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods, shall provide a Community Outreach Report to City Council regarding the proposed legislation, contract, agreement, or resolution prior to the request for any approval of a City-wide Proposal. The Community Outreach Report shall contain:
 - a. A detailed account of notice provided to organize the community outreach process;
 - b. An itemized list of concerns raised by the impacted neighborhood during the outreach process required under this article;
 - c. Any proposed method to address the concerns raised by the impacted community, or why a particular concern will not be addressed;
 - d. Any submitted letters, comments, or reports from a resident, business, neighborhood organization, or community group within the City of Detroit; and
 - e. If provided, a report from the established Community Advisory Council within each district.

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer, and specifically its Office of Budget, is the administering department for the Mayor’s proposed annual budget. This report constitutes the Community Outreach Report to City Council on the Mayor’s proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This report fulfills the requirements of the Community Outreach Ordinance in the following ways (**bolded phrases** reflect the exact language of the Community Outreach Ordinance):

- The Meeting Notice & Details section includes **a detailed account of notice provided to organize the community outreach process.**
- The section on Summary of Concerns Raised provides an **itemized list of concerns raised by the impacted neighborhoods during the outreach process.**
- The section on How the Budget Addresses Concerns Raised, including the tables of concerns by City department and how the FY24 budget responds to each of those concerns, includes **any proposed method to address the concerns raised by the impacted community, or why a particular concern will not be addressed.**
- A spreadsheet catalog of all resident comments is included in the appendices, therefore providing **any submitted letters, comments, or reports from a resident, business, neighborhood organization, or community group within the City of Detroit.**

Meeting Notice and Details

The Community Outreach Ordinance (COO) requires that the FY2023-2024 Budget (“FY24 Budget”) is informed by a public outreach campaign. The Office of the Budget’s outreach campaign included two Annual Public Budget Meetings, as well as seven District Budget Priorities Forums (one for each Council District). These meetings were held via Zoom, and in some cases, streamed via Facebook Live. This is a report of findings and insights from those public outreach efforts.

MEETING DATES AND PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

District	Meeting Date & Time	Approx. # of Attendees	Approx. # of Participants - Zoom	Approx. # of Participants - Slido
APBM Part 1: City Service Departments	October 3, 2022 @5 p.m.	180	15	N/A
APBM Part 2: Public Health & Safety Departments	October 10, 2022 @5 p.m.	182	20	N/A
District 1	October 27, 2022 @5:30 p.m.	26	5	7
District 2	October 11, 2022 @6:30 p.m.	61	15	22
District 3	October 25, 2022 @6 p.m.	42	14	12
District 4	October 25, 2022 @5 p.m.	43	16	10
District 5	October 19, 2022 @6 p.m.	56	23	16
District 6	October 20, 2022 @5 p.m.	39	6	11
District 7	October 26, 2022 @5:30 p.m.	73	19	11

The number of attendees is reflective of the maximum number of attendees who joined the meeting, according to Zoom. This count includes those hosting the meeting and others who may have joined in official City employee capacity. This does not capture those who may have joined via Facebook Live, and it should be noted that the number of attendees often fluctuated throughout the duration of the meeting.

The number of participants is reflective of the approximate number of attendees who participated by sharing their thoughts in some manner during the meeting. The number of participants is separated between Zoom and Slido – the new online engagement platform utilized during this year’s engagement series – since participants’ identity can remain anonymous in Slido, thus we cannot know which participants may have participated through both platforms.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Residents were notified about these community meetings via email through the City’s GovDelivery outreach system, as well as through Department of Neighborhood regular meeting notices.

Flyer/Notice	Date Sent	# of Recipients	Open Rate*
Public Notice Flyer (Annual Public Budget Meetings)	9/28/2022	30,596	28%
Public Notice Flyer (all districts)	9/30/2022	29,487	28%
Media Advisory (D1 & D7)	10/26/2022	1,700	35%
Media Advisory (D3 & D4)	10/25/2022	1,686	34%
Media Advisory (D5 & D6)	10/19/2022	1,596	35%
Media Advisory (D2)	10/11/2022	1,648	33%
TOTAL (Media Advisories)	N/A	13,260	N/A
AVERAGE (Media Advisories)	N/A	1,657.5	34.25%

*note: the average email open rate for governmental entities is 28.77%¹

MEETING & INPUT STRUCTURE

Annual Public Budget Meetings

The Annual Public Budget Meeting is an informational meeting on how the budget process works. It also highlights key budget components of several major departments, as mandated by the City Charter. This fiscal year, to shorten the length of the meetings and allow more time for public comment, the Annual Public Budget Meeting was split into two parts. Part one included general city service departments (General Services, Public Works, and Water & Sewer) and part two included health and safety departments (Public Lighting Department, Public Lighting Authority, Fire, Health, and Police). The Office of Budget worked with the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) to hold these Annual Public Budget Meetings during two of the weekly DON Cast meetings throughout the month of October.

Each meeting began with a brief (~10 minute) presentation by the Budget Director to inform residents on key budget highlights. This was followed by a short (5-7 minute) presentation from each of the City Charter-mandated departments. The public comment period opened after all presentations concluded, during which time residents were able to ask questions to any of the department representatives present. The public comment portion lasted approximately 30 minutes, at which point the Department of Neighborhoods representative gave closing remarks and ended the meeting.

District Budget Priorities Forums

The District Budget Priorities Forums are meetings hosted in each council district to hear residents’ budget priorities. The Office of Budget worked with the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) to hold the Budget Priorities Forums during the DONs standing

¹ <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>

monthly District Meetings throughout the month of October. This fiscal year was the first year these meetings were held in the October rather than January of the following year. This shift was part of an effort to collect public input earlier in the budget process so that it could be better incorporated into the development of the FY24 Budget.

Each meeting began with a brief (~10 minute) presentation by either the Budget Director or Deputy Budget Director to inform residents on key budget highlights. This was followed by an interactive question and answer portion, in which the Office of Budget representative prompted polling questions and residents were given the opportunity to respond verbally, via the Zoom chat feature, or anonymously via an online engagement platform called Slido. Given that Slido was a new feature to this year’s engagement series, time was taken to introduce the platform and provide residents with instructions on how they could join as a participant. The three questions asked of residents were as follows:

- 1. What would you like to see prioritized in the budget?**
- 2. These are the priorities that we have heard from your district. How would you rank these priorities?**
- 3. What would you like to see or experience in our city?**

After each question was launched, residents were given a few minutes to respond before the polling question closed and responses were screen shared.

The first question was structured as a word cloud, which showed the most frequently stated responses in larger-sized text, and lesser-given answers in smaller-sized text (see Figure 1).

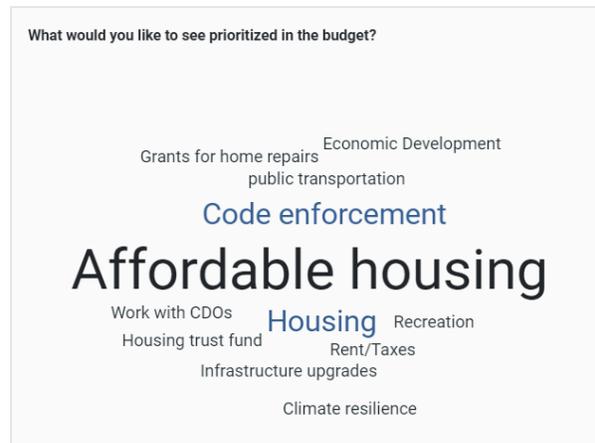


Figure 1. Question 1 launched in the Slido platform

The second question compiled priorities stated by each district during last fiscal year’s forums, as well as the most frequently stated responses from the first polling question, and asked residents to format those responses in ranked order of highest to lowest priority (see *Figure 2*).

The third and final question was structured to be open-ended and showed responses as a thread of comments (see *Figure 3*).

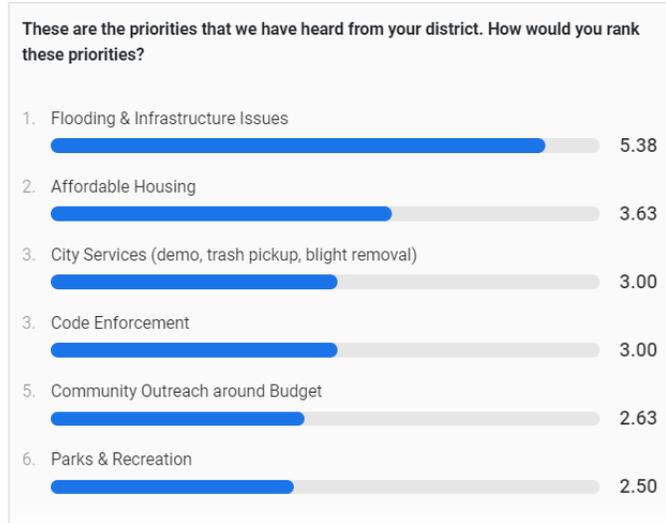


Figure 2. Question 2 launched in the Slido platform

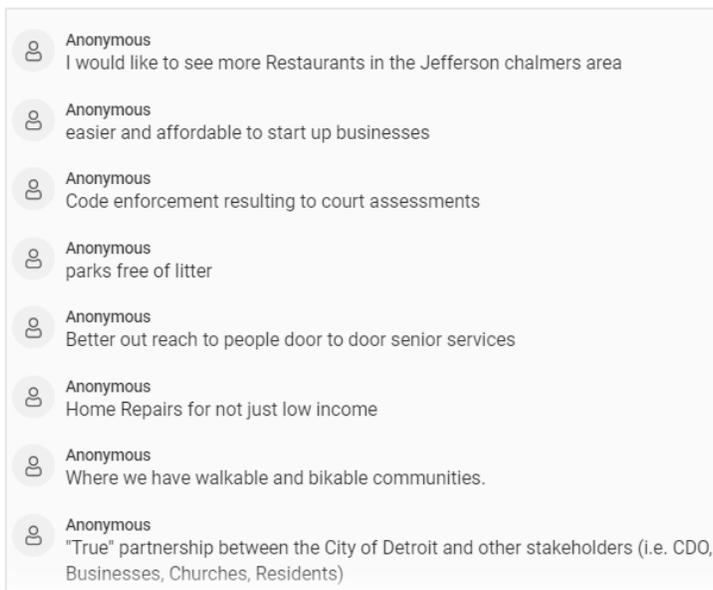


Figure 3. Question 3 launched in the Slido platform

After the responses to each question were shown and briefly reviewed by the Office of Budget representative, time was allotted for residents to comment further. Only after all resident input was heard was the next polling question was launched. After all questions and comment periods were completed, the Department of Neighborhoods representative gave closing remarks and ended the meeting.

Your Budget Inbox

The Office of Budget maintains an inbox for the yourbudget@detroitmi.gov email to provide residents with another channel to voice priorities, concerns, and questions around the budget. All emails sent to this inbox receive an automatic reply letting senders know their message has been received. The Office of Budget follows up on these emails by either

responding to inquiries or recording any concerns or priorities stated in a public comment log.

Summary of Concerns Raised

METHODOLOGY

The seven districts in Detroit represent diverse geographic areas with unique interests and priorities. To capture the uniqueness of each district, as well as the similarities, the following pages summarize the comments heard from each district. The Budget Office hosted nine public meetings in October 2022 to hear what residents' priorities are the FY24 Budget. The first two meetings were the Annual Public Budget Meetings, where the Budget Office partnered with representatives from several City departments to present to residents the budgets of those departments. Department presentations were followed by a public comment period with residents. If a resident stated what district they were from during this public comment period, the Budget Office noted the resident's district. After the Annual Public Budget Meetings, the Budget Office hosted a Budget Priorities Forum with each of the seven districts in the City. The tables that follow summarize comments by district, both from residents who stated their district at the Annual Public Budget Meetings and from the comments heard during the Budget Priorities Forum in that district.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONCERNS

Staff from the Budget Office attended each public meeting and took notes on each comment spoken or written by residents. After all meetings were completed, the Budget Office compiled the comments into an Excel database and manually reviewed each comment for priorities mentioned. A **priority**, in the context of this report, is defined as a specific topic that is important to a resident, as stated or written in their comment. One comment could include no priorities, one priority, or many priorities. If a comment included many priorities, the Budget Office noted all priorities raised in that comment. In this way, the Budget Office's list of priorities developed organically from residents' comments. As the list of priorities developed, the Budget Office grouped the priorities into categories. In the context of this report, a **category** is the overall theme that emerged from a grouping of priorities. The purpose of grouping the priorities into categories was to summarize concisely what is important to residents across the city.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

The Budget Office developed the ten categories organically from the priorities noted from residents' comments. For the clarity of this report, the information below provides a summary statement of each category.

- **Beautification:** residents desire a clean, beautiful city. This category encompasses any priority related to cleaning up the city, from dealing with abandoned homes, to picking up trash, clearing alleys and drains, controlling rodents and pests, and removing dangerous trees.
- **Climate & Sustainability:** residents would like to see a city that is prepared for a changing climate, including the resiliency of infrastructure and how the city will deal with water and flooding, both past and present.
- **Economic Opportunity Programs:** residents want to see a city that prioritizes equity and provides opportunities for residents to improve and sustain their economic situations, from fixing the digital divide, to providing programs for youth and job training.
- **Economic Supports:** residents want direct financial support from the city government to remedy certain situations or improve the economic situation of the city as a whole. This includes supporting seniors and people living with disabilities, small businesses, providing tax assistance, and fostering economic development in the city.
- **Government Accountability:** Residents would like a government that is efficient, effective, and responsive to their needs. They would like the government to engage more with the community and be transparent in its efforts and programs.
- **Health:** Residents desire access to healthcare, mental health supports, nutritious food, and a healthy environment.
- **Housing:** Residents would like a city with adequate housing that is truly affordable for Detroit residents. They would like programs to support home repair, homeownership, renters, and housing insecure persons.
- **Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation:** Residents desire many citywide improvements as well as improvements to their own neighborhoods, from safer street design, to streetlights, sidewalks, fire hydrant improvements, to more accessible transportation. They also would like support for community groups to make change themselves.
- **Public Safety:** Residents would like a focus on public safety, from better code enforcement across the city, to increased enforcement of noise regulations, speed

regulations, monitoring of parked cars, and cameras to keep neighborhoods safe. Some residents desired greater police presence, better police responsiveness, or a police audit.

- **Recreation & Parks:** Residents desire greater recreational opportunities across the city, from rec centers to parks.

EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES

The following table summarizes all priorities stated in all public meetings, mentioned aloud, by chat, or in the Slido platform. It also includes all priorities received through the Your Budget inbox.

Category	Priority	# Mentions	Summary of Priority	Example Comment
Beautification	Abandoned homes	5	The City should do more about vacant houses	"Vacant houses – we need something done about these vacant houses; they're still paying taxes on it, but they need to be torn down or let people buy houses so we can get people in them and looking better"
	Alley cleanup	13	The City should clear alleyways	"Clear and fix alleyways"
	Beautification	10	The City should be beautiful and clean	"Getting the city overall cleaned up"
	Bulk pickup	3	Improve and streamline the process for bulk waste pickup	"The budget that holds money for bulk pickup with someone else having the contract. Not Waste Management/Advance"
	Demolition	5	Consider demolition of houses and dangerous buildings	"Increase demolition of hazardous and dangerous commercial properties"
	Drain clearing	2	Clogged drains are a problem and the City needs to clear them	"Asking about sewer and drain lines being cleaned; how many still need to be cleaned and which ones are on the list?"
	Eliminate blight	9	The City should take efforts to get rid of blight	"Address blight and illegal dumping #1"
	Illegal dumping	10	The City needs to do more to stop illegal dumping	"Illegal dumping clean up weekly including cameras in those active areas"
	Litter cleanup	10	We should have a clean and litter free city	"Parks free of litter"
	Pest and wildlife control	6	The City should address the problem with rodents and wildlife in the city	"Address the Rodents"
	Street cleaning	4	The City should be more efficient at sweeping streets	"Better machines for street cleanup"
	Tree removal / trimming	7	We need support in cleaning up fallen trees and trimming dangerous branches	"And we're having problems with trees; we need to get something done with trees; we've got dead city trees that need to be cut down; roots are coming up from the ground"

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	Vacant lot cleanup	2	The City should do more about vacant lots	"I like to see something like homes be built in these vacant lots. Vacant lots are not being utilized created illegal dumping."
Climate & Sustainability	Green infrastructure	3	More green space and initiatives	"Natural green space – green cooling"
	Sustainability & resilience	6	The City should address environmental concerns and promote climate resilience	"We need a community that's sustainable, that's dealing with pollution and all this economic fall, with traffic and food shortage"
	Water & sewer infrastructure	4	Replace water lines and prevent flooding from sewers	"I feel our neighborhood water lines need to be replaced. What needs to take place to make that happen?"
Economic Opportunity Programs	Citizen education programs	7	The City should run programs to educate residents about key topics and issues	"Will there ever be community outreach to learn prevention measure, lawn care, etc. Need knowledge on issues in the community – will outreach provide resources and knowledge for the community"
	Digital divide	2	The City should promote equal access to technology	"Address digital divide"
	Job training & hiring	6	Promote good wage jobs and help Detroiters get hired	"We want a community neighborhood hiring effort so everyone has a job"
	Libraries	6	Support funding for libraries	"More funding for public libraries"
	Youth programs	11	The City should expand programs for young people	"Youth services that have neighborhood recreational activities throughout the year for kids grade k-12"
	Better schools	4	Improve schools and increase school funding	"Schools need to be improved. It's our future"
	Economic equity	8	Support all people through social programs and decrease economic inequality	"Equity programs"
Economic Supports	Construction damage reimbursement	1	Support Detroiters whose properties have been damaged by construction activities	"Is there anything those of us who were denied with the "class action" lawsuit when Mumford was rebuilt are experiencing MAJOR structural damage to homes and garages that stemmed from the reconstruction???"
	Disability supports	38	The City should increase accessibility and support for residents with disabilities	"Accessible bus stops"
	Flood reimbursement	1	Help residents who faced financial hardship due to flooding	"I had a flood in my basement last year. I called FEMA, they came out once, but FEMA never came back out."
	Senior supports	11	The City should do more to support senior citizens	"More grant funding for senior home repair assistance. A department dedicated to helping seniors with resources, grants for aging in place."
	Small business support	11	There should be more grants and programs for small businesses	"Neighborhood business development grants for those that within the community and offer meet the criteria to start a business"

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				such as business plan, experience, mentorship”
	Tax assistance program	3	Increase tax abatement and relief	“Property Tax Relief”
	Water affordability	2	Make water more affordable for residents	“How do Water and Sewer come up with how much they charge; larger than any suburb in the area; why don’t they have a hearing around this? Somehow or another you’re making your rates up by yourself. All the revenue they receive is what they can spend. Where is this being watched?”
	Economic development	5	Increase presence of stores and make the city more economically vibrant	“More retail stores in the City”
Government Accountability	Community engagement	14	The City should do more to engage with the community	“I’d prefer that future surveys “community engagement” efforts were more transparent, inclusive, and accessible to a broader consistency.”
	Community involvement in budget	1	Involve the public more in the budget process	“Would like to know how the public be involved in deciding how the prior year surplus money is spent”
	Effective city services	14	The City should provide functional, efficient, and effective city services	“I’d like for there to be quality city services. Less debris. I’d like to experience a safe and clean city.”
	Government responsiveness	6	The City needs to be responsive to resident issues and concerns	“Accountability and response follow up-when residents and block clubs request assistance from city departments there is very little accountability on resolution of issues raised and slow paced improvement with city services.”
	Strategic planning	1	The City should outline its broad vision, goals, and targets to achieve them	“Understanding what the city’s priorities are. Is there some way that we can identify what we want to do in a 5-year, 10-year plan. If we could have it and revisit it year after year. And be able to fund these initiatives so we could have some success of an overall plan. I think that would help to benefit us and help to spend the money in places that would be the most beneficial. You could also benchmark what’s been successful and what’s not been successful. You could see if you’re going in the right direction.”
	Tax fairness	3	Reduce tax burden on residents	“End excessive tax capture”
	Overassessment concerns	5	Provide compensation to Detroiters whose property has been wrongfully over-assessed	“Agree that there needs to be compensation to those who lost their homes due to overassessment.”
	Transparency in budget	4	Ensure what goes into the budget and how money is	“Total transparency to include where every \$ go.”

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	Voter registration	1	spent is as transparent as possible Increase voter registration	"Getting voters registered"
Health	Accessible health care	5	Provide residents access to health care within their neighborhoods	"Community based health centers to aid preventative health, mental health, sexual health"
	Environmental health	2	Ensure residents have access to a healthy environment	"Public health especially around air quality"
	Food accessibility	5	Increase the number of food retailers in the City	"I would like to see more major grocery stores in the City in addition to a Costco or a Sam's. This way we can shop in the City a win, win."
	Mental health response	7	Prioritize mental health resources and programs	"I would like to see mental health made available to those who require it."
Housing	Affordable housing	27	Maintain high-quality, accessible affordable housing for Detroiters	"Quality affordable housing"
	Affordable housing preservation fund	2	Continue to invest in the Affordable Housing Preservation Fund	"Housing trust fund"
	Expanded affordable housing	9	The City needs to ensure affordable housing is truly affordable and inclusive of long-time Detroit residents	"Truly affordable housing for Detroiters"
	Home repair	31	The City should invest more and expand access to home repair programs for more residents	"My focus in on home repairs. I've been listening to a lot of meetings and a lot of home repairs are focused on seniors and I think that's beautiful, but where are the programs and resources for those who don't qualify through other categories? I would like to learn more about things that can help prevent things from getting in disrepair."
	Homeownership	2	Educating the community on how to best take care of one's home over time	"My main concern is being a homeowner that takes pride in their property as they grow old. Will there ever be community outreach to learn prevention measure, lawn care, etc."
	Land bank reform	4	The Land Bank should be evaluated to ensure it is operating optimally	"More cooperation from Landbank when inquiring properties"
	Renter supports	4	Renters in the City need support amidst increasing cost pressures	"I'd like to understand what is being done in terms of the amount of rent increases in the City of Detroit. There are many people that are renting, and the rent is escalating really high and out of control. Is there any kind of funding or low-interest loans that could be made available to citizens of Detroit to mitigate that?"
Right to counsel	3	The City needs to identify long-term funding to maintain Right to Counsel	"Concerned about the Right to Counsel ordinance – now that's it's passed and effective, how is that budget going to be	

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				prepared? I believe it should be based on court data and need"
	Support for housing insecure persons	2	We need to promote efforts preventing homelessness	"Cleaner city less homeless"
Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation	Citywide improvements	11	The City should work to reimagine how the City could be and invest in improving its functions	"More density, more mixed-use, more vibrancy and community gathering – without cars."
	Community group funding	8	The City should provide funds to support community group initiatives	"Small grants for block club administration & startup costs"
	Fire hydrant optimization	3	Ensuring all fire hydrants are well-maintained	"All fire hydrants need to be operational and painted"
	Lead pipe replacement	1	The City should support residents needing to replace lead pipes	"Additionally, lead pipe replacement considerations: how many Detroiters would have the capacity to afford the costs?"
	Neighborhood rebuilding	19	The City should focus on creating connected, walkable, and vibrant communities	"More contiguous neighborhoods e.g., the ability to walk through neighborhoods and see continued commercial activity, intact and up kept residential areas."
	Safer street design	11	Need to improve street safety and walkability across the City, especially for children's sake	"We need safe routes established so kids can get to school, parks, library, and public centers without needing to be driven by an adult. Current set up leaves kids behind and without community connection"
	Sidewalks	3	The City should replace/repair damaged sidewalks as a result of demolitions	"Automatically restore sidewalks damaged by demolition of vacant houses"
	Streetlights	9	Ensuring high-quality streetlights are put in throughout the City in an equitable manner	"I would like to see lights on our residents streets. The city uses the lowest and cheapest lights for our block while down is list up like a Xmas Tree."
	Transportation	19	Improve the reliability and accessibility of transportation in the City	"More accessible public transportation (routes, stops, reliability)"
Public Safety	Cameras in neighborhoods	4	Putting cameras in neighborhoods to deter crime and blight	"Cameras to catch illegal dumpers"
	Code enforcement	18	Ensuring the City does its part to hold property and business owners accountable for proper maintenance	"Would like to see folk that own multiple plots of property be accountable for maintenance"
	Enforce noise	3	Implement additional means to reduce noise	"Enforce noise ordinance"
	Enforce speeding	3	Increase means to reduce speeding	"Speed bumps"
	Parked car monitoring	4	Residents want to feel that their vehicles are safe while	"Since moving to Grandmont, my car has been broken into twice. It seems like it has been normalized. What can I do to assist in

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			parked on the street and see less ca-related crime	reducing the normalcy of breaking and entering, stolen cars in Grandmont-Rosedale?"
	Police presence	9	Residents desire an increased police presence in the neighborhoods	"I would like to see more officers in the neighborhood"
	Police responsiveness	3	Residents want to see police officers be more helpful and responsive to their concerns	"I have gathered some of my neighbors to cut down some branches because people park there all during the day. I called the Police...The people have been pulling up and flashing their lights, and someone else pulls up behind them. The Police asked me what color is the car? But I can't see it because it's too dark. What's the sense of using 911 if they're not going to help?"
	Police audit & reform	5	Ensuring police funding and actions are being accounted for and budgeted responsibly	"My question is related to police officer misconduct. I would like to know where the budget dollars are for police settlements and representation?"
	Public safety	11	Residents desire a safe City and city leadership that is responsive to safety concerns	"Safe days and nights, where crime and complaints are handled promptly."
Recreation & Parks	Less money to dog parks	1	The City shouldn't invest in dog parks	"No more dog parks for a million dollars"
	Parks funding	2	The City should ensure parks are well-maintained and offer spaces for activities desired by community members	"I would like some updates to Varier Park. I would like every playground in the city to have basketball courts so we don't have all these basketball hoops on the street."
	Recreation	11	The City should provide more spaces for recreation	"More community spaces for gatherings"

SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES BY DISTRICT

The following tables present a summary of the priorities stated during the Annual Public Budget Meetings and District Budget Priorities Forums by district. For most district meetings, residents could provide comments aloud, in the chat feature in Zoom, or through the online Slido platform. For the District 7 meeting, residents could provide comments aloud or through the online Slido platform. The Budget Office has shown the priorities stated through Slido separately in the first table for each district because participants in Slido were anonymous. This means that the Budget Office could not know if a resident shared the same priority via Zoom and Slido. Therefore, to avoid potentially over-weighting priorities, the Budget Office presents the responses separately in the following tables.

The second table for each district presents that district's ranking of the issues that were stated as the highest priority in the budget priorities forum held in that district in January-February 2022 as well as the most frequently stated issues from the first polling question of

the forum. This question was presented through the Slido platform and allowed each resident to rank the categories. Slido then averaged the rank for each category and presented a summary of the rankings. The results are shown in the second table for each district. The purpose of this question was to determine residents' relative prioritization of these categories against one another and to demonstrate the trade-offs that the City government and the Budget Office face when having to decide how to allocate dollars among equally-important initiatives.

District 1

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 4 comments	Abandoned homes	1
		Litter cleanup	1
		Street cleaning	1
		Tree removal / trimming	1
	Economic Supports 1 comment	Senior supports	1
	Housing 1 comment	Home repair	1
	Public Safety 1 comment	Police presence	1
Slido	Housing 4 comments	Affordable housing	3
		Land bank reform	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 3 comments	Libraries	1
		Youth programs	1
		Economic equity	1
	Government Accountability 2 comments	Effective city services	1
		Government responsiveness	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 2 comments	Citywide improvements	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 - lowest, 5 - highest)
Affordable Housing	1	4.50
Safe Neighborhoods	2	3.25
Home Repair	3	3.00
Safe Outdoor Space for Children	4	2.75
Community Outreach	5	1.50

District 2

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 10 comments	Alley cleanup	3
		Abandoned homes	2
		Litter cleanup	2
		Bulk pickup	1
		Eliminate blight	1
		Tree removal / trimming	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 9 comments	Streetlights	4
		Citywide improvements	2
		Transportation	2
		Sidewalks	1
	Housing 6 comments	Home repair	5
		Affordable housing	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 3 comments	Digital divide	1
		Libraries	1
Youth programs		1	
Economic Supports 3 comments	Construction damage reimbursement	1	
	Flood reimbursement	1	
	Tax assistance program	1	
Public safety 3 comments	Code enforcement	2	
	Enforce noise	1	
Government Accountability 1 comment	Effective city services	1	
Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Parks funding	1	
Slido	Beautification 13 comments	Eliminate blight	2
		Pest and wildlife control	2
		Street cleaning	2
		Tree removal / trimming	2
		Beautification	1
		Bulk pickup	1
		Demolition	1
		Illegal dumping	1
		Litter cleanup	1
		Economic Opportunity Programs 7 comments	Youth programs
	Citizen education programs		2
	Job training & hiring		2
		Community group funding	2
Fire hydrant optimization		1	

	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 6 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding Safer street design Transportation	1 1 1
	Health 4 comments	Mental health response Environmental health Food accessibility	2 1 1
	Public Safety 4 comments	Enforce speeding Code enforcement Parked car monitoring	2 1 1
	Housing 3 comments	Affordable housing	3
	Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1
	Economic Supports 1 comment	Small business support	1
	Government Accountability 1 comment	Community engagement	1

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 5 – highest)
Safe Neighborhoods	1	5.62
Effective City Services	2	4.91
Neighborhood Investment	3	4.24
Home Repairs	4	4.14
Mental Health Services	5	3.10
Community Outreach	6	2.05
Right to Counsel	7	0.95

District 3

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 13 comments	Eliminate blight	2
		Pest and wildlife control	2
		Street cleaning	2
		Tree removal / trimming	2
		Beautification	1
		Bulk pickup	1
		Demolition	1
		Illegal dumping	1
		Litter cleanup	1
		Economic Opportunity Programs 7 comments	Youth programs
Citizen education programs	2		
Job training & hiring	2		
Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation	Community group funding	2	
	Fire hydrant optimization	1	

	6 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding	1
		Safer street design	1
		Transportation	1
	Health 4 comments	Mental health response	2
		Environmental health	1
		Food accessibility	1
	Public Safety 4 comments	Enforce speeding	2
		Code enforcement	1
	Parked car monitoring	1	
Housing 3 comments	Affordable housing	3	
Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1	
Economic Supports 1 comment	Small business support	1	
Government Accountability 1 comment	Community engagement	1	

Slido	Housing 9 comments	Affordable housing	4
		Expanded affordable housing	2
		Home repair	2
		Affordable housing preservation fund	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 5 comments	Economic equity	2
		Youth programs	2
		Citizen education programs	1
	Beautification 4 comments	Beautification	3
	Demolition	1	
Public Safety 4 comments	Public safety	3	
	Code enforcement	1	
Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 2 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding	2	
Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1	
Government Accountability 1 comment	Community engagement	1	

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 5 – highest)
Safe Neighborhoods	1	4.11
Jobs/Workforce	2	4.00
Affordable Housing	3	3.78
Parks and Recreation	4	3.33
Housing Programs	5	2.89
Community Outreach	6	2.78

District 4

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 11 comments	Transportation	5
		Safer street design	4
		Lead pipe replacement	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
	Government Accountability 9 comments	Community engagement	3
		Overassessment concerns	3
		Effective city services	1
		Government responsiveness	1
		Transparency in budget	1
	Housing 4 comments	Home repair	4
	Public Safety 3 comments	Code enforcement	1
		Enforce noise	1
		Police audit & reform	1
Economic Opportunity Programs 2 comments	Job training & hiring	1	
	Youth programs	1	
Economic Supports 2 comments	Senior supports	1	
	Water affordability	1	
Health 2 comments	Environmental health	1	
	Mental health response	1	
Beautification 1 comment	Alley cleanup	1	
Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1	
Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Less money to parks	1	
Slido	Housing 10 comments	Affordable housing	5
		Home repair	2
		Affordable housing preservation fund	1
		Expanded affordable housing	1
		Renter supports	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 8 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding	2
		Safer street design	2
		Transportation	2
		Citywide improvements	1
		Community group funding	1
Public Safety 4 comments	Code enforcement	3	
	Police audit & reform	1	
Economic Supports	Senior supports	1	

	3 comments	Small business support	1
		Economic development	1
	Government Accountability 3 comments	Community engagement	2
		Tax fairness	1
	Beautification 1 comment	Litter cleanup	1
	Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1
Health 1 comment	Mental health response	1	
Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Recreation	1	

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 5 – highest)
Flooding & Infrastructure Issues	1	5.38
Affordable Housing	2	3.63
City Services (demo, trash pickup, blight removal)	3	3.00
Code Enforcement	3	3.00
Community Outreach around Budget	4	2.63
Parks & Recreation	5	2.50

District 5

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 12 comments	Alley cleanup	4
		Pest and wildlife control	3
		Illegal dumping	2
		Abandoned homes	1
		Beautification	1
		Vacant lot cleanup	1
	Economic Supports 8 comments	Small business support	4
		Senior supports	2
		Tax assistance program	2
	Housing 8 comments	Land bank reform	3
		Affordable housing	2
		Homeownership	2
		Expanded affordable housing	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 8 comments	Community group funding	3
		Citywide improvements	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
		Safer street design	1
		Sidewalks	1
Streetlights		1	

	Public Safety 7 comments	Code enforcement	2
		Cameras in neighborhoods	1
		Enforce noise	1
		Enforce speeding	1
		Parked car monitoring	1
		Police responsiveness	1
		Government Accountability 6 comments	Transparency in budget
	Community engagement		1
	Effective city services		1
	Government responsiveness		1
Economic Opportunity Programs 2 comments	Citizen education programs	1	
	Digital divide	1	
Health 1 comment	Food accessibility	1	

Slido	Government Accountability 6 comments	Effective city services	4
		Community engagement	2
	Public Safety 6 comments	Code enforcement	2
		Police presence	2
		Public safety	2
	Economic Supports 5 comments	Small business support	2
		Economic development	2
		Senior supports	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 5 comments	Transportation	2
		Community group funding	1
		Neighborhood rebuilding	1
		Sidewalks	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 4 comments	Economic equity	3
		Citizen education programs	1
Housing 4 comments	Affordable housing	2	
	Home repair	1	
	Renter supports	1	
Beautification 3 comments	Beautification	2	
	Alley cleanup	1	
Climate & Sustainability 2 comments	Green infrastructure	2	
Health 1 comment	Food accessibility	1	
Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Recreation	1	

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 5 – highest)
Home Repairs	1	4.75
Infrastructure Improvements	2	4.50

Effective City Services	3	4.38
Affordable Housing	4	4.00
Community Outreach	5	3.38
Small Business Support	6	3.13
Home Ownership Programs	7	2.63

District 6

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 6 comments	Litter cleanup	3
		Abandoned homes	1
		Eliminate blight	1
		Illegal dumping	1
	Housing 5 comments	Expanded affordable housing	2
		Home repair	2
		Support for housing insecure persons	1
	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 4 comments	Neighborhood rebuilding	2
		Streetlights	2
	Public Safety 4 comments	Code enforcement	2
		Cameras in neighborhoods	1
		Police presence	1
	Economic Supports 1 comment	Senior supports	1
	Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Recreation	1
Slido	Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 7 comments	Transportation	3
		Citywide improvements	2
		Neighborhood rebuilding	2
	Housing 5 comments	Home repair	4
		Affordable housing	1
	Beautification 4 comments	Beautification	1
		Eliminate blight	1
		Illegal dumping	1
		Litter cleanup	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 4 comments	Better schools	2
		Libraries	1
		Economic equity	1
	Recreation & Parks 4 comments	Recreation	4
	Economic Supports 3 comments	Disability supports	1
Flood reimbursement		1	

		Economic development	1
	Government Accountability 2 comments	Effective city services	1
		Voter registration	1
	Health 2 comments	Accessible healthcare	2
	Public Safety 2 comments	Public safety	2
Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Water & sewer infrastructure	1	

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 – lowest, 5 - highest)
Home Repair	1	4.43
Affordable Housing	2	4.00
Transit Improvements	2	4.00
Address Blight and Illegal Dumping	3	3.86
Services for Seniors	4	2.86
Right to Counsel	5	1.86

District 7

Medium	Category	Priority	# comments
Aloud & Chat	Beautification 10 comments	Eliminate blight	2
		Tree removal / trimming	2
		Alley cleanup	1
		Beautification	1
		Drain clearing	1
		Illegal dumping	1
		Litter cleanup	1
		Pest and wildlife control	1
	Housing 6 comments	Affordable housing	2
		Renter supports	2
		Expanded affordable housing	1
		Home repair	1
	Economic Supports 5 comments	Disability supports	3
		Senior supports	2
	Government Accountability 5 comments	Government responsiveness	3
		Effective city services	1
		Strategic planning	1
Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 4 comments	Citywide improvements	1	
	Neighborhood rebuilding	1	
	Safer street design	1	
	Transportation	1	
Public Safety	Code enforcement	2	

	3 comments	Police presence	1
	Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1
	Economic Opportunity Programs 1 comment	Citizen education programs	1
	Health 1 comment	Food accessibility	1
	Recreation & Parks 1 comment	Recreation	1

Slido	Housing 3 comments	Expanded affordable housing	2
	Economic Opportunity Programs 2 comments	Home repair	1
		Job training & hiring	1
	Public Safety 2 comments	Youth programs	1
		Police presence	1
	Recreation & Parks 2 comments	Public safety	1
		Recreation	2
	Climate & Sustainability 1 comment	Sustainability & resilience	1
Economic Supports 1 comment	Economic development	1	
Government Accountability 1 comment	Community engagement	1	
Neighborhood Infrastructure, Design, & Transportation 1 comment	Transportation	1	

Priority	Rank	Slido calculated ranking (1 - lowest, 5 - highest)
Funding for Residents with Disabilities	1	3.71
Housing Support for Seniors	2	3.00
Safe Neighborhoods	2	3.00
Infrastructure (flood assistance)	3	2.57
Parks & Recreation	4	1.43

How the Budget Addresses Concerns

The tables below summarize resident stated priorities broken out by the department(s) responsible for those priorities. The number of comments includes those stated verbally, via the chat feature on Zoom, as well as Slido questions 1 and 3. The number also includes priorities received through the Your Budget inbox. Many of the responses below describe programs that the department runs to support the priority.

BUILDINGS, SAFETY, AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (BSEED)

Priority	# of comments
Code enforcement	18

Code enforcement: The Property Maintenance Bureau within BSEED ensures continued compliance for commercial and residential properties. The Bureau enforces the Property Maintenance Code and the Rental Ordinance. To support BSEED's Order Demolition and Certificate of Compliance Initiative, there will be eight additional positions within the Dangerous Building and Property Maintenance Enforcement Divisions in FY24. Property maintenance enforcement accounts for roughly 24% of BSEED's overall budget and 29% of BSEED's total FTEs.

CIVIL RIGHTS, INCLUSION, AND OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT (CRIO)

Priority	# of comments
Disability supports	38
Economic equity	8

Disability supports: CRIO maintains an Office of Disability Affairs (ODA) that works to increase independence, opportunities, community participation, safety, and wellness for persons with disabilities in the City of Detroit. The FY24 Mayor's Recommended Budget for ODA is \$750,451, a 30.2% increase over the FY23 Adopted Budget.

Economic equity: The Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department (CRIO) removes discriminatory barriers through innovative and high-quality, customer-driven programs that foster economic opportunity and empowerment, which will benefit Detroit residents, visitors, and the entrepreneurial sector of the local economy.

DETROIT DEMOLITION DEPARTMENT (DDD)

Priority	# of comments
Abandoned homes	5
Demolition	5

Abandoned homes: Several residents expressed concerns that the City should do more to address the many abandoned homes throughout Detroit. The City addresses abandoned homes through both rehabilitation and demolition, and the Demolition Department is involved in securing and demolishing abandoned homes. Please see the answer below (“Demolition”) for how the demolition department addresses this issue and the funding for demolition in the FY24 budget.

Demolition: The Detroit Demolition Department engages in both residential and commercial demolitions. Properties are identified for demolition through determinations by either the Detroit Land Bank or the Buildings Safety, Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED) that a property is in a condition such that it cannot be rehabilitated or poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the public. The department secures structures that are candidates for sale and rehabilitation. The Demolition Department’s proposed FY24 budget includes funding dedicated to emergency demolitions, board-ups with plywood, and securing with clearboard. Additionally, the department is continuing to spend funds from the sale of bonds authorized when voters approved Proposal N.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

Priority	# of comments
Voter registration	1

Voter registration: The Department of Elections dedicates some of its staffing capacity to partner with various organizations in their efforts to assist eligible residents who wish to vote to become registered to do so. This includes working with councilmembers and churches conducting voting-related events, schools hosting mock elections, and going out to jails and nursing homes where eligible residents, who may not otherwise be able to access means for voter registration, are able to register to vote. The FY24 Budget continues to provide support for staffing to be applied in part towards voter registration efforts.

DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)

Priority	# of comments
Digital divide	1

Digital divide: The Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) is a digital enabler for the residents it serves, and the department aims to leverage digital potential for all Detroiters. DoIT is implementing a pilot program in one neighborhood in Detroit to install fiberoptic cable and connect the neighborhood to high-speed internet. The department also hired the City’s first Digital Equity Director. The FY24 Budget supports DoIT’s efforts to close the digital divide.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

Priority	# of comments
Bulk pickup	3
Green infrastructure	3
Illegal dumping	11
Safer street design	11
Sidewalks	3
Street cleaning	4
Sustainability & resilience	6

Bulk pickup: DPW manages trash hauler contractors that pick up bulk in front of residential homes on a bi-weekly basis. In addition, it maintains a fleet of trucks to pick up large waste that exceed the amounts that the contractors are obligated to collect. DPW also offers paid bulk pick-up for items that exceed the City’s free pick-up collection limits. The FY24 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Green infrastructure: DPW maintains the City’s viaducts located on public areas. Four times per year, DPW clears each of the 129 viaducts across the city. The FY24 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Illegal dumping: DPW, in partnership with the General Services Department, picks up and disposes of thousands of tons of illegally dumped materials every year. From January through September 2022, DPW disposed 21,390 tons of illegally dumped materials from 23,849 illegal dumping sites. The FY24 Budget continues to support DPW’s operations in clearing illegal dumping sites across the city.

Safer street design: DPW’s Traffic Engineering Division works to make the street system safe and fit for public use. It houses a Traffic Sign shop which creates and maintains all street signs in the city. DPW, through its Complete Streets team, continues to beautify commercial corridors, as well as making them safer for pedestrian and vehicular travel through its streetscape projects. Its recently completed “Streets for People: Detroit Street Design Guide,” is used as framework for implementations that aim to make it easier and safer for all

Detroiters to move throughout the city. Streets for People is rooted in five values: 1) safety first; 2) equity, dignity, and transparency; 3) access for all; 4) economic opportunity; and 5) public health. The FY24 Budget continues to support all safe street design efforts. Additionally, in February 2023, the City of Detroit received a \$24.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to improve road safety in high-injury areas.

Sidewalks: DPW has a tree-damaged sidewalk repair program budgeted at \$3,184,000 in FY24. This program repairs sidewalks that have been uplifted by a City tree. Property owners are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property. In addition, in February 2023 the Administration requested and City Council approved a \$20.5 million supplemental appropriation in FY23 to expand sidewalk replacement.

Street cleaning: DPW maintains a fleet of trucks that sweep the streets between April and November each year. The street sweeping division sweeps local, major, and state roads. The FY24 Budget continues to support these efforts.

Sustainability & resilience: DPW picks up recyclable materials from residential and commercial properties across the city on a bi-weekly schedule. As of September 30, 2022, 86,847 residential households participate in the city’s curbside recycling program. The FY24 Budget continues to support DPW’s recycling program and their efforts to continue educating residents on the importance of participating in the City’s recycling program.

DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)

Priority	# of comments
Disability supports	38
Green infrastructure	3
Sustainability & resilience	6
Transportation	19

Disability supports – Paratransit service: DDOT provides paratransit service for all residents and visitors meeting ADA mobility limitation requirements who are unable to use fixed bus route services.

Green infrastructure – Clean diesel buses: In an effort to make the transit system as environmentally friendly as possible, DDOT recently launched 28 new clean diesel buses and decommissioned 28 of its oldest models.

Sustainability & resilience – Electric bus fleet: On August 2022, DDOT announced that it received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the purchase of four electric buses, increasing DDOT’s electric fleet from four to eight buses.

Transportation: Residents raised several concerns relating to transportation. All priorities were grouped together under “Transportation” in the previous table, but in order to address all concerns raised by residents, the following bullet points address separately each transportation concern.

- **Transportation – Improved service:** DDOT aims to recruit and retain 510 transportation equipment operators by June 2025. DDOT has also implemented a quarterly incentive program for Transportation Operators to improve the quality of bus service delivered to Detroiters that enjoy and depend upon DDOT for transportation.
- **Transportation – Community engagement:** DDOT continues to collect the public’s feedback on how to improve Detroit public transportation system as part of DDOT Reimagined, DDOT’s operational analysis and strategic planning initiative to rethink the fixed bus network, improve operations, and create new mobility options. Phase 1 of DDOT Reimagined included interactive in-person and virtual meetings across Detroit and a survey for DDOT’s current, past, and future riders. DDOT will continue to collect public comment in 2023.
- **Transportation – Mobility innovation:** DDOT’s Office of Mobility Innovation (OMI) builds solutions that improve transportation access and experience through public engagement. OMI works across multiple city departments to coordinate cleaner, more accessible, and more equitable mobility solutions for Detroit residents and visitors alike.
- **Transportation – Capital improvements:** In February 2023, the Administration requested, and City Council approved, a \$19.9 million supplemental appropriation in FY23 for public transit capital projects, including additional capital needs for the State Fair Transit Center and the replacement of four People Mover rail cars.
- **Transportation – Student transportation:** While DDOT does not have specific programs for school-age children, the City of Detroit’s FY24 budget does allocate funds for the GOAL Line Program. GOAL line provides eligible students in Detroit with transportation and high-quality after-school programming such as swimming, cooking, and entrepreneurship programs. The GOAL line program was created by the City of Detroit in partnership with Detroit Public Schools, charter schools, teachers, partners, and community leaders to improve educational opportunities for Detroit students.

DETROIT ECONOMIC GROWTH CORPORATION (DEGC)

Priority	# of comments
Economic development	5
Small business support	11

Economic development: The City of Detroit provides financial support to the operations of the DEGC, which provides real estate and business development services to assist with the attraction and expansion of job-creating and tax-generating industrial and commercial enterprises in the City.

Small business support: The City of Detroit’s proposed FY24 budget provides financial resources to the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC) to support economic development services performed by 65 dedicated employees, including the District Business Liaisons (DBLs). DEGC’s small business services include direct small business support for site selection and expansion projects and COVID-19 grants to businesses impacted by the pandemic. DEGC’s DBLs assist businesses in navigating City processes and offer business retention services.

DETROIT EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS CORPORATION (DESC)

Priority	# of comments
Economic development	5
Economic equity	8
Job training & hiring	6

Economic equity: The Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) runs the Learn to Earn program, which contributes to economic equity. This accelerated program is designed to help Detroiters remove barriers stopping them from entering their chosen training or career. Detroiters can earn their diploma or GED while receiving a stipend and explore their options for training or new job opportunities immediately after graduating.

Job training & hiring/Economic development - Grow Detroit’s Young Talent: Grow Detroit’s Young Talent (GDYT) is a citywide summer jobs program that trains and employs over 8,000 young adults between the ages of 14 and 24 for up to 120 hours. This program is expected to continue with the support of city and federal funding in the FY24 budget, as well as philanthropic support. Detroit at Work also provides job training across in-demand occupations and in support of upskilling and obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent. Additionally, Detroit at Work seeks to continue to host job fairs across the city and last year held over 50 job fairs attended by over 11,000 people.

Job training & hiring/Economic development - DESC operations: The City of Detroit contributes financial support to DESC’s administrative staff who support workforce development programs such as the Skills for Life Program as well as job/scholarship fairs, job training programs, and scholarship funds. DESC is also implementing the City of Detroit’s Jumpstart program, an ARPA-funded initiative to help long-term unemployed residents get reengaged in the job market.

DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (DHD)

Priority	# of comments
Accessible health care	5
Environmental health	2
Food accessibility	5
Mental health response	7
Pest and wildlife control	6

Accessible health care: The Health Department (DHD) collaborates with federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and clinical groups to support equitable access to health care services. Public facing programs provides referral services for clients who are in need of health care services. The implementation of the electronic medical record system funded through the FY23 Budget will also amplify the department’s ability to connect clients to health care services in real time.

Environmental health: DHD maintains an Environmental Health and Food Safety division dedicated to ensuring establishments throughout the City are safe and in compliance with ordinances and laws via inspections. The FY24 Budget continues to provide funding to support these efforts.

Food accessibility: DHD has several public-facing programs that address food accessibility such as Maternal Child Health, HIV/STI, Behavioral Health, and Children’s Special Health Care Services by providing clients and families with referrals to food assistance programs. For example, WIC provides mothers with children assistance with the purchase of food items until the child is five years of age. The FY24 Budget continues to provide funding to support these public-facing programs.

Mental health response: DHD maintains a Behavioral Health division dedicated to addressing mental health needs in the City. The FY24 Budget has shifted all behavioral health staff from being funded through grants to being supported through the General Fund. This transition helps to ensure funding will be dedicated year-over year to supporting responsiveness to mental health needs in the City.

Pest and wildlife control: The Health Department’s Environment/Health Food Safety program addresses pest management as it relates to food establishments, day care centers, and other regulated establishments under the health code. BSEED’s Environmental Control addresses pest management control and licenses pest management companies for the City of Detroit. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources also addresses wildlife control including those within the boundaries of the city.

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY (DLBA)

Priority	# of comments
Abandoned homes	5
Land Bank reform	4

Abandoned homes: Several residents expressed a desire for the City to do more to address abandoned homes throughout Detroit. The City has two strategies to deal with abandoned homes – rehabilitation and demolition – and DLBA helps facilitate the rehabilitation of abandoned homes throughout the city. DLBA provides ways for residents to purchase and renovate abandoned homes and purchase vacant lots and side lots through its auctions, the Own It Now program, and the Rehabbed & Ready program. An \$11 million contribution to DLBA is provided by the City’s General Fund and is included in the proposed FY24 budget.

Land Bank reform: The DLBA offers programs and presentations geared toward community engagement and education to expand access to DLBA opportunities including: DLBA community affairs which provides community events that connect Detroiters directly with DLBA staff in key areas of interest like home and land sales, maintenance, compliance, and more; open houses that offer potential buyers a chance to see upcoming auction properties in-person before placing a bid; monthly board meetings; and Building Blocks events that partner with neighborhood stakeholders to engage residents and attract potential buyers ahead of a new release of Auction and Own It Now property listings.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD)

Priority	# of comments
Cameras in neighborhoods	4
Enforce noise	3
Enforce speeding	3
Illegal dumping	11
Parked car monitoring	4
Police audit & reform	5
Police presence	9
Police responsiveness	3
Public safety	11

Cameras in neighborhoods: The Police Department sometimes installs cameras near illegal dumping sites to catch anyone dumping trash at those sites. Several residents expressed

support for these cameras and a desire for the numbers of cameras to be expanded; the Police Department will continue its current operations of placing cameras at sites where illegal dumping regularly occurs, and these efforts are supported in the FY24 Budget.

Enforce noise: Several residents expressed a desire for the Police Department to do more to enforce the noise ordinance. The FY24 Budget provides increased funding for all police officers with the goal of increasing police retention, including Neighborhood Police Officers and others who respond to noise complaints. Noise enforcement is one of five key areas of DPD's Community Safety Strategy.

Enforce speeding: Some residents stated that the Police Department should do more to enforce speed laws and prevent speeding. Through the police labor union contracts finalized in November 2022, the FY24 Budget provides increased funding for all police officers with the goal of increasing police retention, meaning more police officers to enforce speeding. Traffic enforcement is one of five key areas of DPD's Community Safety Strategy.

Illegal dumping: The General Assignment Unit within the Major Crimes Division investigates matters related to illegal dumping. The FY24 budget provides sustained levels of funding for this unit to continue monitoring illegal dumping. In addition, the City is expanding illegal dumping control through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the General Services Department (GSD).

Parked car monitoring: Several residents stated concerns with car break-ins and wanted the Police Department to do more to ensure the security of cars parked on the street. Through the police labor union contracts finalized in November 2022, the FY24 Budget provides increased funding for all police officers with the goal of increasing police retention, including Neighborhood Police Officers and others who respond to reports of car break-ins and theft.

Police audit & reform: A few residents expressed desires or suggestions for how to reform the Detroit Police Department. The Police Department has a mindset of continuous improvement and welcomes opportunities to serve residents better. The Department's Community Safety Strategy outlines the ways in which the Police Department continues to keep citizens of Detroit safe. The FY24 Budget supports the efforts of continuous improvement of the Detroit Police Department.

Police presence: The Detroit Police Department has a key focus on police presence through the strategy of *deployment*, one of ten strategies of DPD's Community Safety Strategy. *Deployment* means "enhanced guardianship that focuses on more visible police presence and positive community interactions that are designed to mitigate opportunities for crime to

occur.”² The FY24 Budget continues to support DPD’s efforts of *deployment* through increased funding for all police officers, negotiated as part of the police labor union contracts finalized in November 2022, with the goal of increasing police retention and, therefore, police presence.

Police responsiveness: Several residents expressed a desire for the Detroit Police Department to be more responsive to resident complaints about crime in their neighborhood. The Detroit Police Department’s strategy of *deployment*, within its Community Safety Strategy, is supported through the FY24 Budget through increased pay for all police officers, negotiated as part of the police labor union contracts finalized in November 2022, with the goal of increasing police retention and, therefore, police presence.

Public safety: Many residents expressed a desire for greater safety within the City of Detroit, with one envisioning a city of “safe days and safe nights, where crime and complaints are handled promptly.” This is in line with one of the goals of the Detroit Police Department, to “reduce crime throughout the city so residents can feely walk the streets without fear.”³ The FY24 Budget continues to support the efforts of the Detroit Police Department as it carries out this goal.

DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT (DWSD)

Priority	# of comments
Drain clearing	2
Environmental health	2
Fire hydrant optimization	3
Flood reimbursement	2
Lead pipe replacement	1
Water affordability	2
Water & sewer infrastructure	6

Drain clearing: DWSD launched a Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning Program in 2017 to reduce neighborhood street flooding. This program continues in the FY 2024 Budget. As of

² DPD Community Safety Strategy, p. 21, <https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2022-03/DPD-community-safety-strategy.pdf>

³ See Goal 1 of the Detroit Police Department in the Mayor’s Recommended Four-Year Financial Plan FY 2024-2027.

November 2020, DWSD crews had inspected and cleaned 30,000 catch basins (storm drains). There are approximately 90,000 catch basins that DWSD is responsible for maintaining. This did not include the basins on freeways, state or county roads, such as M-10 Lodge Freeway and Woodward Avenue, which are the responsibility of MDOT.

Environmental health: The FY 2024 Budget supports DWSD's commitment to delivering clean water and the collection of sanitary sewage and stormwater from more than 230,000 accounts, representing a residential population of nearly 700,000.

Fire hydrant optimization: DWSD dedicates resources in the FY 2024 Budget to maintain a customer service line in which residents can report issues, including those related to fire hydrants. The phone number is (313) 267-8000.

Flood reimbursement: Many residents were affected by floods in the summer of 2021, and many have expressed the difficulty in recovering from these floods. The City understands the hardship caused by the flooding and offers support for flood reimbursement through explanations of the following programs, which can be found on the City's website: various options for flood assistance utilizing insurance, Small Business Administration (SBA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Detroit Water & Sewerage Department.

Lead pipe replacement: The water leaving the treatment plants that serve the City of Detroit does not contain lead, but lead can be released into drinking water from corrosion in lead service lines and household plumbing that contains lead. The water provided to DWSD customers contains a corrosion inhibitor to reduce corrosion of lead and other pipe materials into drinking water. Since 2018, DWSD has been working to verify and replace lead service lines as part of the Asset Management Program. Detroit citizens may be eligible for a full-service line replacement, if the service line is made of lead, at DWSD's cost while the department is replacing the water main on a given citizen's street.

Water affordability: A few residents expressed concern about the high cost of water, stating that water needs to be more affordable for Detroit residents. DWSD and community partners offer Water Assistance Programs for eligible households, including The Lifeline Plan, Detroit's income-based water affordability program. The cost of service for each centum cubic feet (CCF) of water used during a billing period is recorded by the water meter and based on the DWSD Inclining Block Rates. Block 1 provides one rate for every water customer in Detroit that uses 4,500 gallons (6 CCF) of water or less per month, and Block 2 is a higher rate for usage above 4,500 gallons per month as higher volume users put more demand on the water system. Low-income households are eligible for a fixed rate.

Water & sewer infrastructure: DWSD provides an online tool to determine whether residents have a lead service line. DWSD is replacing lead service lines throughout Detroit on a first come, first served basis and citizens should add their homes to the lead service line replacement list. DWSD will replace the lead service line, with homeowner/occupant

permission, when workers are on your block replacing the water main. If water main replacement is taking place in your neighborhood, you will be notified in advance of construction beginning. Stormwater improvement projects are also ongoing to mitigate flood damage. The FY 2024 Budget supports these efforts.

EASTERN MARKET

Priority	# of comments
Economic equity	8

Economic equity: Eastern Market provides retail and housing access to sustain a diverse portfolio of occupants and residents. This includes a legacy business retention fund to retain businesses displaced by rising rent, affordable housing development, support for BIPOC-owned businesses, and storefronts at below-market pricing. The City of Detroit provides recurring financial support for Eastern Market’s operations.

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD)

Priority	# of comments
Alley cleanup	13
Beautification	10
Eliminate blight	10
Food accessibility	5
Less money to dog parks	1
Litter cleanup	10
Parks funding	2
Recreation	11
Senior supports	11
Tree removal / trimming	7
Vacant lot cleanup	2
Youth programs	11

Alley cleanup: GSD maintains an alley cleanup program with dedicated resources from the Blight Remediation Fund.

Beautification: GSD strives to make the City of Detroit a clean, safe, and vibrant place. In support of these goals, GSD has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting, litter removal, blight removal/cleanouts, corridor/alley cleanup and graffiti removal.

Eliminate blight: There are various sources of blight remediation supported by the FY 2024 Budget: GSD's Grounds Maintenance Division has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting and litter removal, the Neighborhood Trades Unit has dedicated funding that provides for alley cleanup and the Construction & Demolition Department operates an abandoned building board up program. GSD also maintains a webpage to report illegal dump sites.

Food accessibility: GSD's Recreation Division utilizes grant funding to administer the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program provides a free, nutritious supper for children 18 and under who participate in after-school programs at the recreation centers. Additionally, the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Area 1B provides frozen meals for seniors 60 and up on Wednesdays. Finally, the Northwest Activities Center distributes groceries every other Monday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Less money to dog parks: There is no funding specifically dedicated to dog parks in the proposed FY24 budget. The Parks and Recreation Department does strive to improve the quality of life for all Detroiters through parks, greenways, recreation centers, and programs using an equity framework.

Litter cleanup: GSD's Grounds Maintenance Division has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting and litter removal, the Neighborhood Trades Unit has dedicated funding for alley cleanup, and the Construction & Demolition Department operates an abandoned building board up program and demolishes abandoned/blighted residential and commercial properties. The proposed FY 2024 budget supports these activities.

Parks funding: \$1 million in capital funding is being allocated towards parks improvement and maintenance in the proposed FY24 budget. In addition, the Administration requested, and City Council approved, a \$16.2 million supplemental appropriation in the current fiscal year to accelerate parks and recreation improvements.

Recreation: GSD's Recreation Division operates 12 recreation centers throughout the City and provides recreation programs and activities at these centers, Spirit Plaza, and Hart Plaza. Over 30 leisure sites – from historic cemeteries, historic Fort Wayne, and Eastern Market to the new riverwalk and velodrome – are operated by third-party partners under Recreation staff oversight and management. The Division is in the middle of reorganizing and improving the quantity and quality of opportunities it offers. Over the next several years, the Joe Louis Greenway will come to fruition, connecting Detroit and its neighborhoods, Hamtramck, Highland Park, and Dearborn with over 27 miles of trails for people to walk and bike. The City of Detroit, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the Joe Louis Greenway Partnership, and the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan are working together as the Unified

Greenway Partnership. The proposed FY 2024 budget allocates an additional \$4.5 million in capital and operating funds to this partnership.

Senior supports: There are numerous programs supported by GSD and its Recreation Division that are available to City of Detroit seniors including, but not limited to, senior technology classes, basketball, pickleball, boxing, chess, crafting, and senior walking.

Tree removal/trimming: GSD has dedicated funding for removal and trimming of dangerous trees on the City rights of way. In addition, the Administration requested, and City Council approved, a \$5 million supplemental appropriation in FY23 for an expanded dangerous tree removal program with broader eligibility that targets trees that are on private property and pose a danger to neighboring residents and their homes.

Vacant lot cleanup: GSD’s Grounds Maintenance Division has funding dedicated to vacant lot cutting and litter removal, the Neighborhood Trades Unit has dedicated funding that provides for alley cleanup, and the Construction & Demolition Department operates an abandoned building board up program. The FY 2024 Budget supports these efforts.

Youth programs: The proposed FY 2024 budget includes funding for GSD’s Recreation Division, which provides recreation and leisure activities for all who live, work and play in Metro Detroit. With 309 parks and 11 recreation centers, Recreation connects communities with parks, programs, and facilities to positively impact their health and wellness. Numerous recreation programs are targeted towards the city’s youth population through summer employment opportunities as well.

HOUSING AND REVITALIZATION DEPARTMENT (HRD)

Priority	# of comments
Affordable housing	27
Affordable housing preservation fund	2
Environmental health	2
Expanded affordable housing	9
Home repair	31
Homeownership	2
Renter supports	4
Senior supports	11
Support for housing insecure persons	2

Affordable housing: HRD coordinates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, a substantial portion of which goes to support affordable housing. The proposed FY24 budget allocates the City's estimated CDBG award.

Affordable housing preservation fund: The proposed FY24 budget includes funding for the Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Fund. Every year, this fund receives 40% of prior year revenue from commercial property sales by the City of Detroit.

Environmental health: The City was awarded \$57.5 million from HUD to respond to the 2021 presidentially declared disaster related to the June 25-26 flood event. Of that, \$12,421,000 must be used for eligible disaster mitigation projects to assist with preventing impacts from future disasters. The City will identify specific projects and propose those to residents sometime in 2023 through community outreach events. Currently, \$43 million is being allocated to improve residential private sewer lateral lines to prevent basement flooding. Applications for that program are expected to be available in the Fall of 2023.

Expanded affordable housing: The City is working to advance the construction of new affordable housing developments. Approximately 750 units of new affordable housing are expected to begin construction by July 2024. These developments will include housing priced at a range of options including extremely low and very low-income households. Housing is considered affordable when a household pays no more than 30% of their total income on housing (rent, water, gas/electric) costs. Affordable housing has been and is being developed for persons with incomes between 0% to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Housing for households with incomes between 0-30% of AMI are often served with rental assistance. Rental assistance is provided by the federal government.

Home repair: The FY24 Budget continues funding for home repair grant programs, including the 0% home repair loan and LeadSafe programs. Additional programs administered through HRD and partner departments are funded from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and available prior year funding. These include Renew Detroit and the Senior Emergency Home Repair Program.

Homeownership: HRD partners with the Detroit Housing Network, an organization that helps existing homeowners improve housing stability, including navigation through and identification of applicable home repair programs.

Renter supports: The City is working to advance the construction of new affordable housing developments. Approximately 750 units of new affordable housing are expected to begin construction by July 2024.

Senior supports: HRD continues to support the development and preservation of affordable housing units for seniors.

Support for housing insecure persons: HRD is utilizing grant funds to support programs addressing housing insecurity.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Priority	# of comments
Right to Counsel	3

Right to Counsel: The Right to Counsel Ordinance is supported through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Ordinance authorizes a new program to provide access to legal counsel for covered individuals. “Covered individuals” are City residents with annual gross household income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The City will competitively procure the legal services authorized under the program from “designated organizations.” Designated organizations will be either not-for-profit organizations or other entities with the capacity to provide legal services under standards set by the American Bar Association Standards for the Provision of Civil Legal Aid. The ordinance also establishes an “Office of Eviction Defense,” the position of “Coordinator” for the program, and various reporting and outreach requirements.

LIBRARY

Priority	# of comments
Libraries	6

Libraries: Detroit Public Library’s (DPL) FY24 budget will provide a full range of library programs and services at 20 branch locations. This includes DPL’s enrichment programs, such as Children’s Library Services and the Technology, Literacy & Career Center (TIP), as well as DPL’s library collections composed of four departments in the Main Library: Circulation; Business, Science & Technology (BST) and Social Science, Education & Religion (SSER); Special Collections; and Music, Art & Literature (MAL). The DPL FY24 budget approved by the Library Commission also allocates capital for improvements at branches throughout the city.

MAYOR’S OFFICE

Priority	# of comments
Better schools	4
Citizen education programs	7
Community engagement	14

Community group funding	8
Construction damage reimbursement	1
Economic development	5
Economic equity	8
Effective city services	14
Government responsiveness	6
Job training & hiring	6
Neighborhood rebuilding	19
Strategic planning	1
Youth programs	11

Better schools: While the City supports a number of adult educational programs (see programs listed under DESC) and youth programs (see responses to “Youth Programs” below and under GSD) it does not oversee funding, programming or operations for the Detroit Public Schools Community District.

Citizen education programs: The Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) within the Mayor’s Office works to help residents get the information they need for City initiatives and programs. The DONs holds a weekly meeting to educate residents on important happenings in the city. The FY24 Budget continues to support these important efforts of the DONs representatives.

Community engagement: The Mayor’s Office cares deeply about the priorities of Detroit residents and listens to residents to inform its programs and initiatives. One of the aims of the Department of Neighborhoods (DONs) within the Mayor’s Office is to be the liaison between the City government and residents and to provide a channel to consolidate community engagement efforts across the City. The DONs hosts a city-wide meeting every Monday, called the weekly DONcast, and the DONs Manager for each district holds a meeting in their district once a month. Finally, the Mayor holds a community meeting in each district at least once a year.

Community group funding: Neighborhoods are key to the vibrancy of Detroit. The Mayor’s Office recognizes the many community groups, block clubs, and neighborhood organizations throughout the city that organize community members, take care of their blocks, and beautify their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Beautification Fund provides grants for these groups to further improve their corner of the city.

Economic development: The City is continuously working to enhance economic development through its departments, programs and partnerships including, but not limited to: Civil

Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity (CRIO), Planning & Development Department (PDD) and the Downtown Development Authority.

Economic equity: The City's vision of Opportunity Rising is one of economic equity and opportunity for all Detroiters. Various City departments programmatically make efforts toward economic equity for Detroit shareholders including residents, employees and business owners. Some of the City's efforts include increasing the hourly minimum wage for City employees to \$15, effective July 2022.

Effective city services: The Mayor's Office supports the provision of effective city services by listening to feedback from residents and addressing constituent concerns. The channels by which residents can report issues include their DONs representative and the Improve Detroit app. The Mayor's Office, along with all City departments, understands the importance of being responsive to residents. The FY24 budget continues funding for the crucial efforts of the DONs representatives and Improve Detroit app to respond to resident concerns and to ensure that the city government works well for Detroiters.

Government responsiveness: One of the aims of the DONs within the Mayor's Office is to be the first line of responsive communication between residents and the City of Detroit government. Each of the seven districts in the city has a Manager and Deputy Manager to represent the district in the Department of Neighborhoods and connect residents to the resources they need. In addition, the City of Detroit runs the Improve Detroit app to respond to resident-reported issues.

Job training & hiring: The City through its departments and various partnerships is continuously working on training & hiring for its residents, such as its partnership with Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) and Grow Detroit's Young Talent.

Neighborhood rebuilding: The Mayor's Office is committed to affordable housing and neighborhood beautification. Some examples of this include the seven-point \$203 million affordable housing plan, the Bridging Neighborhoods Program, and the renovation of Roosevelt Park.

Strategic planning: Through the State of the City address held in March each year, the Mayor outlines the Mayor's vision for the city and major programs and accomplishments that contribute to that vision.

Youth programs: The Mayor's Office partners with DESC, which is the lead agency for Grow Detroit's Young Talent, a program providing job opportunities for youth in the City.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (OCFO)

Priority	# of comments
Community involvement in budget	1
Construction damage reimbursement	1
Overassessment concerns	5
Tax assistance program	3
Tax fairness	3
Transparency in budget	4

Community involvement in budget: The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) dedicates some of its staffing capacity within the Office of Budget to conduct outreach around the budget. This includes holding District Budget Priorities Forums, where residents can attend and share what they'd like to see prioritized in the budget. One of the goals of this report is to reflect how the community input from public meetings is reflected in the budget. The FY24 Budget continues to support staff dedicated in part towards ensuring community involvement in the budget process.

Construction damage reimbursement: The comment that informed this priority was concerning a specific construction project in which that the City of Detroit was not involved; therefore, this is not addressed in the FY 2024 Budget.

Overassessment concerns: The Administration is actively working with the City Council on program proposals related to this issue.

Tax assistance program: OCFO dedicates some of its staffing capacity within the Office of the Assessor to support in processing resident applications for tax assistance programs. OCFO also dedicates some of its non-personnel resources towards tax assistance program printing and mailing needs. The FY24 Budget continues to dedicate staffing capacity and other resources needed to support tax assistance programming.

Tax fairness: OCFO has staffing capacity and other resources within the Office of the Treasury and Office of the Assessor to conduct work around tax fairness. The Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) Program allows eligible residents to enroll in Pay as You Stay (PAYS), which reduces delinquent property taxes owed to the Wayne County Treasurer. In addition, the Detroit Tax Relief Fund is a new assistance program that completely eliminate delinquent property taxes owed to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office for Detroit homeowners who have received the Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE) and the Pay as You Stay (PAYS).

Transparency in budget: OCFO dedicates some of its staffing capacity within the Office of Budget to conduct outreach around the budget. This includes holding Annual Public Budget Meetings to inform residents on how the budget process works and share key budget highlights of several major departments. OCFO also dedicates some of its administrative staffing capacity and resources to generate educational one-pagers around key budget facts and highlights to aid in resident understanding of how the budget works. The FY24 Budget continues to support staff dedicated in part towards ensuring transparency and increased understanding of the budget process.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Priority	# of comments
Citywide improvements	11
Green infrastructure	3
Neighborhood rebuilding	19
Safer street design	11
Sustainability & resilience	6

Citywide improvements: The Planning and Development Department (PDD) plays a primary role in identifying and planning regional and neighborhood improvement projects. These projects are drawn from the work and community engagement of more than 20 underway or completed Neighborhood Planning Studies over the past seven years. PDD plays a supporting role in citywide improvements as identified by other departments, such as upgrades to traffic signals and other city-owned infrastructure. Additionally, PDD recommends improvements to projects proposed by private developers and investors for specific businesses (i.e., grocery, retail) or locations. PDD also leads planning for three citywide improvement projects. These are planning studies for neighborhoods along the Joe Louis Greenway, setting design standards and guidelines for commercial corridors, and updating the City’s Master Plan consistent with ongoing community engagement.

Green infrastructure: PDD includes planning for green infrastructure in its Neighborhood Planning studies to stabilize and enhance property values and neighborhoods and support natural stormwater drainage. PDD also provides green infrastructure guidance in its citywide planning for Joe Louis Greenway neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and Master Plan guidelines. PDD may offer green infrastructure guidance as a part of its design reviews for private development, to ensure residential areas are adequately screened and protected from nearby traffic, industrial, and commercial land uses.

Neighborhood rebuilding: Neighborhood rebuilding claims the primary portion of PDD’s budget expenditures and staff resources. PDD has completed 15 Neighborhood Planning

Studies, which have guided \$52 million in additional City spending for streetscapes and parks and attracted \$169 million in investment for commercial and residential development and greenspace. In addition, the Greater Corktown Plan helped the City win a \$30 million federal Choice Neighborhoods grant for affordable housing. PDD also manages the City’s Community Benefits Ordinance process, ensuring that communities impacted by major development have a voice in how that investment benefits their communities. The proposed FY24 budget provides funding to continue PDD’s neighborhood rebuilding and transformation efforts.

Safer street design: PDD partners with the Department of Public Works in streetscape improvements, identifying and planning increased options for safe walking, biking and mass transit, as identified through PDD’s Neighborhood Planning Studies.

Sustainability & resilience: PDD routinely consults with its land use planning contractors, and with the City’s Office of Sustainability, on best planning practices for enhancing sustainability and resiliency in the department’s neighborhood and citywide planning projects. Project examples include planning studies and stormwater management projects underway or planned in the Jefferson Chalmers, Corktown, and related neighborhoods. PDD is also partnering with other departments and local nonprofits to increase the city’s tree canopy as a means of heat and pollution mitigation in addition to making city streets more attractive.

PUBLIC LIGHTING DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC LIGHTING AUTHORITY (PLD/PLA)

Priority	# of comments
Streetlights	9

Streetlights: The Public Lighting Authority dedicates staffing capacity to switching over streetlights from the old high-pressure sodium lights to new, state-of-the-art Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights to improve illumination and energy efficiency. The new lights are twice as bright as the old lights while also being more energy efficient, saving Detroit taxpayers money.

Appendices

APPENDIX A: OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Annual Public Budget MEETINGS

**OCTOBER 3, 2022
5 p.m.**

Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 1

CITY SERVICE DEPARTMENTS
Departments
(presenting in this order)

- General Services Department (GSD)
- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD)

**OCTOBER 10, 2022
5 p.m.**

Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 2

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY DEPARTMENTS
Departments
(presenting in this order)

- Public Lighting Department/
Public Lighting Authority (PLD/PLA)
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Police Department

Both meetings are virtual during the regular Department of Neighborhoods Monday meetings

JOIN VIA ZOOM:
<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>

JOIN VIA PHONE: (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 363 140 9738





Budget Priorities Forums for

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Participate in one of seven virtual forums to learn more about and provide input on the [Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY2024](#)

A FY2024 Budget Priorities Virtual Forum will be hosted for each City Council District.

Join your District meeting via Zoom:

OCT 11 • 6 p.m. DISTRICT 2

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99861905552?pwd=eUE0SWVmbE40RTdBZ2p5aVhUbzliZz09>

OCT 19 • 6 p.m. DISTRICT 5

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88093600136>

OCT 20 • 5 p.m. DISTRICT 6

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>

OCT 25 • 5 p.m. DISTRICT 4

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89532011115>

OCT 25 • 6 p.m. DISTRICT 3

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/93947894155>

OCT 26 • 5:30p.m. DISTRICT 7

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89283928278>

OCT 27 • 5:30p.m. DISTRICT 1

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/92945572636>



ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

The Budget Office within the City of Detroit Office of the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for programs, services, and activities for Fiscal Year 2024, which starts July 1, 2023 and ends June 30, 2024. The budget will propose funding allocations for an estimated \$2 billion in City programs including an estimated \$1 billion in general fund activities. It will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to City Council in early March for its review and adoption.

ONLINE FEEDBACK

Public comments on the City's budget can be made at any time by emailing yourbudget@detroitmi.gov.

TAKE PART

APPENDIX B: OFFICE OF BUDGET PRESENTATION SLIDES

The presentation from the Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 1 can be found at: [Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 1 \(detroitmi.gov\)](https://www.detroitmi.gov/annual-public-budget-meeting-part-1)

The presentation from the Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 2 can be found at: [Annual Public Budget Meeting Part 2 \(detroitmi.gov\)](#)

The presentation from the District Budget Priorities Forums can be found at: [District Budget Priorities Forums \(detroitmi.gov\)](#)

APPENDIX C: COMMENT DATABASE

Please visit detroitmi.gov/budget and navigate to the Your Budget page under Resources to view the complete log of comments from the Budget Community Meetings and Your Budget inbox. This log can be found under the Documents section of the Your Budget page.

You can also directly access the log of comments at: [Public Comment Log.xlsx \(detroitmi.gov\)](#)