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Council rejects \$250M bond

Vote against funding for demos a blow to Duggan

Kat Stafford Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

One day after hundreds of residents voiced their concerns, the Detroit City Council voted down a \$250 million bond proposal Tuesday to tear down thousands of homes across the city through 2025.

The vote had been postponed at least three previous times because of various concerns and a blistering Auditor General report that outlined several problems with Detroit's demolition program. The City Council voted 6-3 against the bond. Council members Gabe Leland, Janeé Ayers and Scott Benson voted in favor of it.

The vote against putting the measure on the March 2020 ballot is a significant blow to Mayor Mike Duggan, acknowledging he needs to find a compromise

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"We've taken down 20,000 houses and in the areas where we've been, we've doubled the property values. ... We need to find something where we all get along."

City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield, on her no vote

"It's not just the tearing down of homes, it's just, I think, so many issues with mismanagement."

City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield, on her no vote



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Official: Trump call 'improper'

Army lieutenant colonel: "Without hesitation I knew I had to report this."

Michigan pot sales ready to go on Dec. 1



Exclusive Brands CEO Omar Hishmeh smiles as the representatives from the state of Michigan hand out the first recreational marijuana licenses in Ann Arbor on Tuesday. PHOTOS BY MANDI WRIGHT/DFP

1st licenses given out for recreational marijuana

Kathleen Gray Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

The state's Marijuana Regulatory Agency delivered the first five recreational marijuana licenses Tuesday, paving the way for sales of legal weed to anyone 21 or older.

Licenses went to Exclusive Brands in Ann Arbor, which has a grow operation, a processing facility and a medical marijuana dispensary. Another went to PSI Labs, a marijuana testing lab in Ann Arbor, and the fifth went to Real Leaf Solutions, an event organizer from Kalkaska.

Exclusive Brands owner Omar Hishmeh said he'll be ready for the long lines expected on Dec. 1, the first day the state will allow sales of recreational marijuana.

"It feels great to be the first to get a license," he said. "Our waiting list is already a few pages. ... People can expect a long line."



The state expects to have a dozen or so licenses issued by Dec. 1.

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Dantonio deserves one more chance

Success at MSU has earned him a shot at redemption

Mark Dantonio intends to return next season as Michigan State's football coach. He said his father taught him to complete circles.

"And that's what I'm trying to do," he said Tuesday during his weekly news conference.

All that's at stake is his legacy. He deserves one more season to rewrite the end of it. It took a couple of questions for Dantonio to plainly say he intends to be back, but credit him for finally saying it, and for recognizing how much MSU's fan base needed to hear it.

Now, for some fans, this isn't what they wanted to hear after watching MSU lose five straight games. But at least they know where he stands.



Dantonio

That we are here, in mid-November, less than two months after Dantonio became the winningest coach in MSU history, is startling. The decline of his program has felt like a slow drip, but these things still have a way of sneaking up on you.

Well, we're here.

Now what?

Dantonio obviously doesn't want to leave this way. Three of his past four seasons have been mediocre to awful, which explains his use of the circle metaphor: he wants a chance to complete it.

Defining that circle is the problem. Does he think he can return to the Rose Bowl days and win 36 games out of 41? Or is he merely hoping he can win nine or 10 games next year and ride off into the sunset?

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