

12850 Woodward avenue  
Highland Park, Michigan  
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Mr. Mel Ravitz  
President of the Council  
City County Building  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ravitz:

We are glad that you and two of the other councilman are opposed to giving \$200,000 dollars to Detroit Renaissance, Inc. I don't know what they are thinking of. The people are opposed and I just heard Lou Gordon. That question was asked of him. I don't have to tell you what he thinks of it.

Today in the Detroit News across the front page Mr. Fisher gave an explanation of what they intend to do. We can't understand Mayor Gribbs going along with their thinking. The people are laughing at the way they think they are going to bring Detroit back. One wonders what kind of business men they are anyway. They think Detroit lies across the river front. It willsoon slip in the river it is so heavily loaded down there.

There are many more things than putting up a stadium and trying to advertise to the nation how wonderful we are. We, ourselves don't believe and if Mr. Fisher does he better start waking up. People want jobs and a decent place to live and they better strat providing them fast.

You may recall Mr. James Farmer just resigned from the cabinet of President Nixon because of his lack of leadership. These young boys are returning from war and trained in warefare. He thinks unless they have direction they will use it.

As you can see I live in Highland Park but I work in Detroit, pay taxes there, earn my money there and that is where my heart is. I think the leadership of Max Fisher and his crew is all wrong. They might don a pair of old trousers and slum it for a while and find out what the other fellow thinks. Sitting in a swivel chair does not seem to induce intelligent clear thinking. Stick to your word. We want no part of sharing the waste of money. Detroit cannot afford it. As Mr. Gordon says. Let them spend their money in increase the police department, also get after the drug pushers which are the cause of all of our crime. These young peoplè are not themselves. They are full of dope and it should be stopped.

Sincerely,

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