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Ever since 2016, Metro Detroit has been top 3 segregated cities. Many historical factors have lead to population distribution in Southeast Michigan. Steering that was used by the Real estate agents. The Highway development which caused many black peoples homes to be demolished. And the wall at 8 mile and Wyoming which is blocking black people out.

Steering is one of the historical factors of discrimination. Steering is an act used by the Real estate agents. Steering means to mark a neighborhood red just because it was a black neighborhood. From the book "The Detroit School Busing Case" by Joyce A. Baugh says, " Real estate agents participated in a discriminatory practice called 'steering' and assigning blacks and whites to neighborhoods strictly defined by race." This impacts the city because everyone had a limit on where to live and having restricted areas.

The Highway development was another historical factor of discrimination. The Highway development destroyed a huge chunk of Black Bottom. In the book called "The Detroit School Case" says "... some of these federally funded highway projects removed minorities from certain neighborhoods and segregated them elsewhere." This caused discrimination because it destroyed neighborhoods.

The wall at 8 mile and Wyoming blocked black people from the new white neighborhood. In the book " The Detroit School Busing Case" says " The solution was to build a massive wall...- on the property line separating the two neighborhoods." The wall impacted the community because it means black people are not able to go to a certain neighborhood.

This was just a couple of historical factors that caused discrimination. Steering is being used by Real estate agents to keep black away from white, Highway development was the cause of breaking down black neighborhoods, and the wall at 8 mile and Wyoming was blocking black people from white people. Segregation caused people to hate each other and did no good for the community. So are you going to help to stop segregation?