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To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#); [Dan Rieden](#); [Jennifer Ross](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]14901, 14917, 14927 E. Jefferson Agenda Item
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Dear Historic District Commissioners,

I am writing to you today in my role as a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. I live down the street from the proposed development under your review.

The Detroit Historic District Commission (HDC) staff has written an excellent summary and analysis of the proposed parking lot and service area in Detroit for the proposed theater on adjacent land in Grosse Pointe Park. I agree with every point and conclusion stated by HDC staff in the report and therefor will not rehash all of them.

A parking lot and a truck loading and service area of a theater facing the City of Detroit, including multiple curb cuts, will in no way bring even the suggestion of a symbolic attempt at unity between the two cities. It creates the complete opposite effect, as well as creates an activity and pedestrian dead zone in Detroit. This only adds insult to injury to the demolition by neglect of the former Deck Bar by the City of Grosse Pointe Park, and then its demolition, also by the City of Grosse Pointe Park, under very suspicious authorization and circumstances.

In addition to not meeting numerous requirements for the Jefferson Chalmers Historic District, the development also does not meet multiple requirements of the Traditional Main Street Overlay (TMSO) for the area. At a former employer and as a resident of the City of Detroit I chaired the committee that drafted the TMSO. The creation of the TMSO was deeply rooted in the principals of historic preservation and drew heavily on the technical resources of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center in their creation.

For all the reasons stated above and in the staff report, I urge you to deny the proposal before you for the subject addresses.

Sincerely,

Brian Vosburg, AICP
Resident of Maryland St in Grosse Pointe Park

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