



April 11, 2023

City of Detroit  
Historic District Commission  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808  
Detroit, MI 48226

**Re: 3606-3618 Lincoln & 1352 Brainard, Woodbridge Farm Historic District**

Dear HDC Commissioners and Staff:

Woodbridge Neighborhood Development (“WND”) is a nonprofit community development organization in the Woodbridge neighborhood where the Woodbridge Farm Historic District is located. We request the Commission to defer approval of the above-referenced proposal until the developer presents his development plans to nearby neighbors and property owners in the Woodbridge Farm Historic District.

Developers in the Woodbridge neighborhood are strongly encouraged to engage with the community prior to seeking entitlements or other city approvals; we believe it is especially important for new construction in a historic district. The developer has not reached out to WND or to the neighbors in the Historic District to discuss this project. We note this is DLBA property, where development projects typically require at least a minimum level of community engagement. WND would be happy to facilitate an on-site or Zoom meeting between the developer and our neighbors/property owners in the Woodbridge Farm Historic District in the near future.

We do not support approval and request the decision be deferred until neighbors in the Woodbridge Farm Historic District have adequate information to weigh in on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Director of Policy and Property Development  
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