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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1364-1368 Labrosse hearing (Rejection)
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Regarding the proposed development at 1364-1368 Labrosse.

I'm reaching out wearing three hats; Corktown resident, Present of the Corktown Historical Society and a direct neighbor to this proposal.

We're *not* in support of this proposal and shoehorning of units within a small property on an old narrow street (8th street). As far as I can tell this project has numerous glaring issues that are completely deaf to the community's dynamic and current traffic issues.

Just one of the numerous issues is the lack of parking. As a resident who lives in a historic property without parking space, it has become near impossible to park anywhere near our home, since the hotel, restaurants, breweries all surrounding us use our neighborhood as their parking for employees and visitors. This project will only add to a growing parking problem.

A major concern is there's been absolutely no community engagement on this project, we have no idea of what intent or purpose any decisions that have been submitted. We have a well known East End Corktown Block club and Historical Society (which the property owners know of and have willingly ignored our existence). The brick federal renovation project on the property has been incomplete for almost two years now, we wanted to them to finish a project on the property before starting something new.

If the property owners had done research, the rare Corktown brick federal house last belonged to Lou Deming, he was a historical architect and his ashes were scattered on this property as his last wish. This completely generic building goes against everything that Lou fought for in our Corktown community decades ago.

I plead with the HDC to reject this proposal until the due diligence of community outreach can be completed. The fact this proposal has no parking is a major red flag that sets a dangerous precedent for future projects.

Sincerely,

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