From: Mitch Mantey
To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Application Number HDC2025-00093 and 9851 Hamilton SPR
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Hello,

I am writing in support of the applications pending with the HDC to redevelop 9851 Hamilton. Unfortunately, there are residents opposed to this building's reuse as an apartment, but that is not an appropriate reason for this commission to delay this development.

The purpose of the HDC is to determine whether changes to a historically significant area are compatible with the historic nature of the district. For decades, the Boston Edison community has been home to residents from all walks of life, single family, multifamily, and small scale shops and community spaces. This redevelopment plan proposes to preserve the historically significant look and materials of this beautiful building, while giving it a new life as a home for Detroiters.

As you no doubt know, Detroit, and Michigan in general is facing a housing shortage. Blocking this development, and others like it, on the spurious grounds that it will somehow harm neighbors would actually harm this city. It would also overstep this commission's very narrow authority. The people of Detroit deserve safe, modern housing, and that can only be available if you do your job and let people build it.

Best regards,

Mitchell Mantey, Detroit resident