

From: [Leslie Danley](#)
To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic Application from Detroit Thermal
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Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners,

I am a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood. I am writing to state my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to Detroit Thermal's application for a project in the Lafayette Park Historic District. I oppose the proposed project because it would irrevocably damage my neighborhood's historic landscape which is central to our National Historic Landmark designation.

I was born and raised at 1371 Joliet Place and lived there from age 2 months to 20 years. I am now 56 and live at 1371 Joliet Place once again. I played in the very playground 50 years ago that Detroit Thermal wants to destroy today. It was a beautiful oasis in the city in the 70s growing up and it is even more beautiful now. Our 60 year old landscape cannot be restored. It took 60 years of time, investment and stewardship to become what it is today.

I am concerned that this project could damage the historic character of our neighborhood in other ways, including installing new steam vents and conducting deep excavation near the foundations of historic homes. The impact on our historic neighborhood was not considered in the development of these plans. I am asking that the Detroit Historic Commission reject Detroit Thermal's application to prevent it from irreparably harming our historic neighborhood.

Thank you kindly for your time and your commitment to serving the residents of Detroit and preserving the city's historic places.

Sincerely,
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