

**From:** [Martha Alston](#)  
**To:** [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic District Application from Detroit Thermal  
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Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioner:

I have been a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic Neighborhood (Mies van der Rohe housing) since 2008. I choose to live here because of the beautiful setting in which it was situated, it's closeness to the downtown area and the friendly neighbors I met. I watched the prices of the units rise over the years, as a positive thing.

I was particularly pleased when when the new buyers decided to have families. When I had moved in, there were no kids. Now, we are blessed with over 40 children.

I have also been pleased with the lovely landscaping, large trees of many types, and the wide types of plants and flowers. Now I am afraid that what I love is in real danger.

What Detroit Thermal is trying to accomplish, where I live, is not what I want! Their plans will destroy numerous areas of our landscapes and take down trees, plantings and flowers.

The other threat that really frightens me is the danger to the children by the steam vents they want to use that could badly burn the little ones.

Please take all these considers and dangers in your decision.

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Thank you,

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