

From: [Eric Kessell](#)
To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose the Detroit Thermal Application (HDC2025-00243) in Lafayette Park
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to share my strong opposition to the Detroit Thermal application (HDC2025-00243) for new steam infrastructure within the Lafayette Park National Historic Landmark (NHL) and Local Historic District.

It is troubling that the scale and impact described in the application materials have only recently been made public. The easements that Detroit Thermal claims for this project run through the footprint of one of our buildings and are listed as "abandoned" in older plans.

Given these concerns, the significance of Lafayette Park and the application's impact on our neighborhood, I urge the Historic District Commission to reject the current application.

Sincerely,

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