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

I am writing to state my strong opposition to Detroit Thermal's application for a project in the Lafayette Park Historic District. I am a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood and a parent to two young children who play in the greenspace and on the playground. I oppose the proposed project because it would irrevocably damage my neighborhood's historic landscape, put the neighborhood children in danger, and destroy the beauty of one of the most important areas of our community that has taken more than a half century to develop.

I am concerned that the project could damage the historic character of our neighborhood in many ways, including by installing new steam vents and conducting deep excavation near the foundations of our historic homes. I have no confidence that the impact on our historic neighborhood was considered in the development of these plans.

Our neighborhood is often visited by people who want to see the largest collection of Meis van der Rohe buildings in the world. The grounds are an important aspect of the community and should not be disturbed. To return the grounds to their current state would be impossible, the damage already done can not be repaired and the scope of this project would do further destruction to our historic neighborhood.

I am also concerned about the safety of steam vents near our homes. The temperature of these vents can be extreme and would put our children and community at risk.

I understand that there are alternative areas to connect to the steam. I would strongly suggest that those would be better options than using a pipe that is in the middle of a residential neighborhood near a playground.

I am asking that the Detroit Historic District Commission reject Detroit Thermal's application to prevent it from irreparably harming our historic neighborhood.

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

Sincerely,

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