

[1300 Lafayette East Unit 1912]

[Detroit, MI 48207]

[June 20, 2025]

[2 Woodward Ave. Suite 616]

[Detroit. MI 48226]

Dear [Alan Machielse HDC],

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you as a concerned resident and advocate of the community to request your support for the critical steam line project needed to heat our building at 1300 Lafayette East.

My husband and I, both retired, have invested our life savings into our unit at 1300 Lafayette East. Like many other residents here, this building is not just our home but the culmination of years of hard work, sacrifice, and dreams. If this project is not approved as planned, we face the devastating reality of losing everything we have worked for. Tragically, there are no alternative options available, and time is of the essence to move this project forward in its current form.

I feel compelled to share a bit of my story with you. As a retired band director, I had the privilege of serving at Spain Middle School and later at Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School. During my tenure, I dedicated myself to inspiring and guiding students and took the Spain Middle School band to perform on global stages, including London, Switzerland, China, Hawaii, and Ghana, Africa, to showcase the incredible talents of our youth. These experiences not only demonstrated the potential of Detroit's children but also helped to put our city on the map in a positive light worldwide. Although retired, I remain deeply committed to our city, mentoring teachers and students daily to ensure Detroit continues to shine brightly. I share this to show my deep commitment to Detroit our great city.

The residents of 1300 Lafayette East are a community of older individuals who, like us, have poured their resources and hopes into this home. We wish to live out our days in peace, within the comfort and security of this building. For this to happen, we urgently need the support and approval of this steam line project. We kindly ask that you speak with the Historical District Council to expedite this vital initiative.

Our contractor, Detroit Thermal, has been diligently working to address and comply with all demands set forth. We are confident that with your leadership and advocacy, this project can be realized efficiently and fairly.

On behalf of myself, my husband, and the entire community of 1300 Lafayette East, I humbly request your support in ensuring this project moves forward. Your assistance in this matter will not only safeguard our homes but will reinforce the trust and hope that so many of us place in your leadership.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and unwavering commitment to the people of Detroit. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Sincerely,

Victoria Miller

1300 Lafayette East Resident

Retired Band Director, Spain Middle School & Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School