



[EXTERNAL] Support for Steam Infrastructure Project at 1300 East Lafayette

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To Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

Detroit Historic District Commission

City of Detroit

Re: Support for Steam Infrastructure Project at 1300 East Lafayette

Dear Members of the Historic District Commission,

As a resident of Unit 2608 at 1300 East Lafayette, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed steam reconnection project led by Detroit Thermal.

This project is critical to securing a stable, long-term heating solution for our 30-story cooperative. The current boiler system is nearing the end of its life, and further delays put our residents at risk—especially as we approach the 2025–2026 heating season.

Detroit Thermal has listened carefully to the concerns raised by our neighbors and has revised the project multiple times in response. Ventilation stacks were removed, tree preservation was prioritized, and the updated route minimizes disruption to the historic landscape. Their willingness to pivot and work in good faith should be acknowledged and commended.

Delays at this stage are not just inconvenient—they are financially damaging. The cost impact to 1300 East Lafayette is growing with every setback, and the current route remains the most cost-effective and least intrusive option available. Continuing to postpone this essential work places an unnecessary burden on residents and risks compromising our building's ability to provide reliable heat in the coming winter.

I urge the Commission to approve this revised plan and allow this vital project to move forward without further delay. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Trevor Tovell

Resident, Unit 2608

1300 East Lafayette Cooperative