



Outlook

[EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic District Application from Detroit Thermal

From zned500@gmail.com <zned500@gmail.com>**Date** Fri 6/27/2025 2:40 PM**To** Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners,

I am a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood. I am writing to state my strong opposition to Detroit Thermal's application for a project in the Lafayette Park Historic District. I oppose the proposed project because it would irrevocably damage my neighborhood's historic landscape, which is a central component of my neighborhood's National Historic Landmark designation.

The Lafayette Park Historical District was purposely designed by Mies Van Der Rohe to promote his vision of urban areas, densely populated, but also surrounded and ensconced in natural beauty. The proposed plan by Detroit Thermal clearly misses the point of our historic designation as they plan to destroy and permanently scar a central part of that natural area running through the townhouses. I understand the need for our neighbors to have heat, but at what cost to one of the great historical landmarks of Detroit? They have other options that are significantly less damaging, but they chose this because they are run by a holding company that doesn't reside here or care anything about Detroit. It's lazy and greedy. But we have a Historic Commision which can prevent such small minded approaches to infrastructure. Please do your duty and deny their plans and make them choose one of their other alternatives.

Sincerely,

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