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**[EXTERNAL] Lafayette Park Historic District Application from Detroit Thermal**

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Dear City of Detroit Historic District Commissioners,

I am a resident of the Lafayette Park Historic District neighborhood, specifically living in one of the Nicolet Coop units which will be directly impacted by the proposed project Detroit Thermal has requested on behalf of residents in 1300 Lafayette. I expressed my opposition to this project in earlier emails as well as during the initial meeting held May 14, 2025. I still stand by my opposition because the work will irrevocable damage my neighborhood's historic landscape which is a central component of the neighborhood's National Historic Landmark designation.

I do not oppose getting heat to the residents of the building at 1300 Lafayette - I oppose the WAY Detroit Thermal is providing it. There must be another route other than the one proposed. The project will clearly and unnecessarily damage this property that has been painstakingly maintained from the original design including dozens of mature trees, shrubs, flowers, and ground cover that even if replaced by Detroit Thermal will not reach the same level of maturity for up to 60 years.

Detroit Thermal has not provided us the risk mitigation details or instilled confidence that their plans will not require further modifications leading to the potential for even more damage and unforeseen negative consequences by using/installing the steam pipes on the route proposed. The work they have already done here has damaged a magnolia tree, shrubs, flowers and a bench. I understand Detroit Thermal provides steam systems to several businesses through out the city, but they have yet to demonstrate to us residents they have the experience, understanding, nor care how this project will negatively impact our residential neighborhood.

I hope you, the Detroit Historic District Commission, will do the right thing and reject Detroit Thermal's application which it not historically appropriate. Please preserve and maintain our Historic District.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to serving the residents of Detroit,

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