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Detroit Historic District Commission  
2 Woodward Ave., #808  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Historic District Commission:

I am writing in support of the proposed work at 4138 Lincoln St.

In my opinion, a closer inspection suggests that the entire porch may not be original; rather, it appears to have been expanded several feet to the north at some point after it was constructed:

- A visible seam in the porch entablature, combined with a lack of decorative brackets on the northern section, suggest two different periods of construction (these items are visible on Page 16 of the staff report).
- Joist pockets visible in the brick foundation suggest that the porch was once centered on the front doorway. The northern portion of the porch is not tied into brick foundation.
- The porch, as currently built, obscures some of the detail of the bay window area.

Arguably, the work proposed by the applicant, including the proposed use of narrower porch columns, strikes a balance between retaining the character-defining features of the original porch, and revealing the character-defining features of the bay window area that have been obscured by what appears (to me) to be a later remodeling.

I encourage the Commission to consider this information as it makes its decision.

Thank you,

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Timothy Boscarino