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To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
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My name is Joshua Theodore Clark and I've been living in the Corktown Historic District since 2011. I'm writing to strongly oppose the demolition of 1894 saw mill building on the corner of church and tenth.

The demolition of the early brick building would be a major loss for the historic district and the architectural integrity of corktown. This early saw mill then soda factory has many details not found in other corktown industrial buildings, the historic building has Victorian detailed brickwork sitting on a stone foundation with Six over six windows. The building sits at the end of church street with a dence collection of preserved Victorian homes. The street view of this historic structure is visible from Michigan Ave leverete street and is the main focal point at the end of Church street. if this historic building would be towndown the street would be looking at the end of a parking structure Instead of a historical corktown building.

Although I do not oppose the new construction of 1611 Michigan Ave , Church St. town homes or the parking struture itself. I do oppose the demolition of a historic building. The new buildings will bring much needed life and retail to Michigan Ave and fill in the dencity of the historic district..

The building represents the working class in Detroit's oldest nehighood Demolitioning a strong well built historic building in a nantional recognized historic district would wave the green flag for other historic buildings to be demolished and in time lose our historic neighborhood and the important history that it represents.

Thank you,
Joshua Theodore Clark

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