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Detroit Historic District Commission

Re: Michigan & Church Development / Hunter Pasteur Developers

This letter is to support the request by the above referenced developer to demolish the building currently used as Downtown Detroit Storage. I recognize this building is in a historic district and preserving the city's history and heritage is important. However, this structure has held no significance for years. Our community is in desperate need of parking. Residents and visitors have been clamoring for more available spaces. This project will meet the needs and help enhance our community and resident's quality of life, while providing parking for the many visitors to our businesses and restaurants.

Hunter Pasteur has set the example for community engagement. They have held numerous meetings with residents and business owners in small and large groups. They have listened to our input and are considering changes based on our design and architectural concerns. They have committed to provide minimal disruption to the neighborhood during the construction phase, as well as when the projects are complete. They are exemplary partners in this venture.

While I am on the Board of the Corktown Business Association and East End Corktown Block Club, I am speaking as an individual; but acknowledge that Hunter Pasteur has met with both of these organizations. As an active Corktown resident, I staunchly believe that this project will benefit the neighborhood, the city, and beyond, without diminishing the integrity of our quaint historic community.

I support this request, and ask that you do the same.

Yours in community,

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