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Hello,

I am a Corktown resident at 1246 Labrosse St. Detroit, MI and would like to comment that I support the construction of the new housing units, townhomes, and the parking garage in our neighborhood. Corktown has been gutted in the past by people promising to do things and let promises go unfulfilled which has left a plethora of vacant lots that are eyesores and reduce the density and walkability of the neighborhood. Not often does the city of Detroit receive interest from outside investors and as long as we continue to stand in the way of progress our city will continue to suffer. We need more people, more tax revenue, more interest in our best neighborhoods so we can then support the other neighborhoods in the city that will likely never see any kind of positive transformation otherwise. Construction and a population boost is good for everyone.

I can understand the sentiment of wanting to preserve the historic buildings but being old doesn't automatically equal historic. The warehouse/storage building in question is an old building but it provides very little in the way of architectural significance and offers even less in public utility for the community. If we choose this hill to die on then the city will never progress, property values will stagnant, and everyone will be worse off for it.

I would like my comments of support for the projects at Church Street and its related projects to be publicly known because I know there is overwhelming communication to the contrary. I would also be open to sharing these comments and thoughts publicly on the May 12 Zoom meeting.

Thank you

Owen Ash

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