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Dear HDC members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed project at 2019 Dalzelle and 2075-2087 Vermont.

As a 10+ year resident of Church Street who is now having a similar structure built right behind me, I implore the HDC to consider how much density is too much density in Corktown.

Each of the structures in front of the proposed building has original property lines which run all the way to the alley. What sort of a precedent is being set if a four-story building is being put quite literally in the backyard of a home which previously contained a yard/garden and garage?

Similarly, what sort of precedent is being set when developer after developer is presenting the same type of exterior architectural design for their structures? I fully understand and appreciate the time and style within which historic row homes were built and that structures built in 2021 are supposed to look "of their time" but at what point can we expect developers to be creative with what they are bringing to our historic district?

Thank you all for all the time you continue to dedicate to Corktown and its many developments. I hope that we are able to see some sort of change or challenge in the process so that we're not all staring at swathes of tightly packed identical buildings twenty years from now.

Thank you,

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