



November 8, 2021

**Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Stanley Hong's Mannia Café Renovation and Addition**

Dear Members of the Detroit Historic District Commission,

I write today to express my strong support for END Studio's proposal to develop the historic Stanley Hong's Mannia Café into a new performing arts venue and restaurant. I have followed END Studio Owner Elise DeChard's work for five years, and have been impressed with the thoughtfulness that she brings to the adaptive reuse of historic structures. Having reviewed END Studio's proposal for the Mannia Café, I find that it strikes a compelling balance between the restoration of the original building's distinctive concrete form, and additions that will support its contemporary use as a performing arts venue and restaurant.

As an architect myself, and a scholar of Detroit's twentieth century history, I would be very pleased to see this fine modernist structure given new life as END Studio proposes.

Sincerely,

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