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Dear Historic District Commissioners:

I write this letter in enthusiastic support of the outdoor classrooms at the Detroit Waldorf School (DWS) and the Commission's consideration of allowing them to stay in place.

I am a DWS parent and a Detroit resident. I have two children attending school in the 48214 neighborhood. One attends Waldorf and the other attends a DPSCD school and we spend much time in this beautiful area.

The outdoor classrooms were put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic which is not over and may surge again at any time. These shelters were professionally designed and built by parent volunteers with natural and quality materials as the historic character of the neighborhood was always a consideration.

Growing up and living for many years in the University District, I have a sincere appreciation for historic architecture and the importance of retaining and preserving such. The outdoor shelters are certainly a part of our history.

Their maintenance will always be a reminder of the Covid-19 pandemic in the year 2020 and what one school did, with the support of their community, to keep children in school. It is something that the residents of Indian

Village should be proud of! These shelters are loved by students and faculty, have maintained the school's enrollment and contributed to the ability to serve the children of our City.

In addition to the DWS students, the greater community has benefited from the shelters as well. The Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit was able to hold their 2021 summer program in

person. Without the use of the shelters, these young artists would have been online for a second year. Instead, these outdoor classrooms allowed our City of Detroit children to be outdoors, where they should be in summer, and enjoy nature. The outdoor shelters on the grounds of DWS provide endless opportunities for the neighborhood and community at large to host camps, theatre performances, scouting groups, art shows, garden tour after parties, and more.

I sincerely hope that the Historic District Commission will see the value in these outdoor classrooms and allow them to remain in place for the DWS children and the greater community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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