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To: Historic District Commission (Staff)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1364-1368 Labrosse hearing 12/13/2023

Dear HDC of Detroit

As you know Corktown is the oldest neighborhood in Detroit. I have lived here since 1994. When I moved in I was told of the many rules and regulations that a historical neighborhood has. I don't necessarily agree with some but ...

I was told that no new construction can be built to look like a historical building...no fakes.

No construction could be built on property that did not ever have any building before.

Why does every new construction have to be larger than before and why do they all have to look alike? Just boxes with minor differences. The limited use of bricks (costs too much) and cladding with different colors.

Developers are coming in not to improve neighborhoods but to maximize their profits at the expense of the surrounding homes. This proposed building is a box divided into five units. It has no yards, which surrounding houses have, it doesn't even have garages.

Lou Deming, who was the previous owner, was a historical architect who's ashes were scattered on this property, as his last wish, I don't think he would not be a happy man to see what this will be.

As far as I have been able to determine there has been no community engagement prior to the notice sent by the city for notice of this meeting.

I will be seeing this construction from my kitchen window, if built, and I am not in favor of it.

Sincerely,
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