



March 20, 2025

Detroit Historic Commission
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave Suite 808, Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Bobby Colombo – Window Replacement Request

Dear Members of the Detroit Historic Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bobby Colombo’s request to replace 11 casement windows with sash windows of similar resemblance in his historic home. Given the condition of the existing windows and the structural challenges of the home, this request is both reasonable and necessary to preserve the integrity and functionality of the property.

The current casement windows are significantly compromised due to the misalignment of the second-floor sunroom, which has resulted in jambs that are not square. The displacement of the window framing, in some cases reaching up to three-quarters of an inch, has led to sashes being tightly lodged in place. Any attempt to open or remove them poses a high risk of causing significant damage. Additionally, the sashes would need extensive modifications just to allow for operability, which would ultimately compromise their appearance and structural stability.

Further, the hardware necessary for proper function is entirely missing, making repairs even more challenging. Importantly, the sashes do not appear to be original to the home and were likely added at a later date, meaning their replacement would not compromise the historical authenticity of the property.

Bobby Colombo's proposal to install sash windows that closely resemble the existing casement windows in design and appearance represents a thoughtful and responsible approach to maintaining the character of the home while ensuring structural integrity and functionality. I urge the Commission to approve this request, as it aligns with the best practices for preservation and practical restoration.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Sincerely,

Fletcher F. Daniels
President/CEO

