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Mr. Williams:

The Downtown Detroit Partnership (DDP) does not support petition #1772 request for encroachment on Shelby Street. The DDP believes as requested a 40' encroachment from the front face of buildings will have a negative impact on Capitol Park. While City survey's show a 60 foot right-of-way on Shelby (technically Griswold), when the park was reconstructed in 2009 the westernmost perimeter edge of park was set 45 feet from the front face of buildings. A 40 foot café encroachment would not allow sufficient space for emergency vehicles between the outside edge of the proposed café and the current perimeter of the park.

Furthermore future plans to renovate Capitol Park establish an 18 foot café zone from the face of the building with a 20 foot fire lane. Shelby Street in the renovation plan will be pedestrianized with limited vehicular access. The park renovation plans were prepared in a collaborative, community-driven process with park stakeholders.

Additionally, it should be noted that in the Petition #1772 exhibits, a letter from Giffels Webster stated that the proposed encroachment is consistent with the park redesign; that is inaccurate. While Capitol Park Partners is a valued member of our steering committee, the 40' encroachment is not consistent with the future park design. An 18' encroachment has been recommended by our designers and is support by the Downtown Detroit Partnership

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric B. Larson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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