

City of Detroit

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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

RE: Request for the proposed designation of the Conductors Protective Assurance Building (CPA Building) local historic district, located at 2216 - 2200 Michigan Avenue/2411 Fourteenth Street, Detroit, MI 48216, and the appointment of *ad hoc* representatives in connection with this matter.

This request for historic designation is on our list of proposals for historic designation. The proposed Conductors Protective Assurance (CPA Building) Historic District has had reasonable grounds for the study provided, and a resolution directing the Historic Designation Advisory Board to conduct a study is attached. Petition number 2024-372 was issued by the Clerk's Office.

Should your Honorable Body adopt that resolution, you must appoint two persons to serve as *ad hoc* members of the Advisory Board in connection with the matter. The Advisory Board staff has provided two names for your consideration, Blake Almstead, Corktown Historic Society President and Robert Zalkin, property owner.

A resolution of appointment is attached for your consideration. Staff is available to answer any questions and/or concerns you may have.

Respectfully submitted,



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BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO:

WHEREAS, The City Council has received a request to designate the Conductors Protective Assurance Building (C.P.A. Building) Historic District, at 2216-2200 Michigan Avenue/2411 Fourteenth Street, Detroit, MI 48216, a six-story office building located at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Fourteenth Street, on the block of Michigan Avenue between Fourteenth Street and Fifteenth Street, and

WHEREAS, the boundaries for the proposed district are as follows (using cardinal directions); on the north, the centerline of the East-West alley first north of Michigan Avenue; on the west, the westerly line extended of Lots 3 and 4 “Subdivision of the Godfroy Farm, P.C. 726 lying between Michigan Ave. and Grand River Ave.” as recorded in Liber 1, Page 293 Plats, Wayne County Records (10/32); on the south, along said westerly line of Lots 3 and 4 extended to the centerline of Michigan Avenue; on the east, along the centerline of Fourteenth Street to the centerline of said East-West alley.

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that there are reasonable grounds for such a request, based upon the property’s architectural and historical significance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby directs the Historic Designation Advisory Board, a study committee, to conduct studies to determine whether the Conductors Protective Assurance Building (C.P.A. Building) meets the criteria for historic designation and to issue appropriate reports in accordance with the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act and Chapter 21, Article II of the 2019 City Code.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER :

WHEREAS, The City Council has adopted a resolution directing study of the proposed historic designation of the Conductors Protective Assurance Building (C.P.A. Building), and

WHEREAS, The Historic District Ordinance (Chapter 21-2) requires the appointment of ad hoc members to the Historic Designation Advisory Board to represent the interest of property owners and those having a demonstrated interest in the preservation of this historic resource,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council appoints **Mr. Blake Almstead**, a resident of the Corktown neighborhood at 1366 Bagley Street, Detroit, and president of the Corktown Historical Society (in which the proposed historic district is located) and **Mr. Robert Zalkin**, principal, Sequoia Property Partners - BFD Corktown LLC, 11 Colts Gait Lane, Colts Neck, New Jersey, 07722-1468, to serve as *ad hoc* members of the Historic Designation Advisory Board in connection with the study for the proposed Conductors Protective Assurance Building (C.P.A. Building) Local Historic District.