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Dear Planning and Zoning Commissioners,

Please support Staff's position and uphold the Downtown Design Standards by denying the appeal to leave the façade at 8 W Jefferson Avenue painted. I agree with Staff's recommendation that the façade should be returned to its prior masonry condition. If the petitioner truly accepts "responsibility for this unfortunate error", then they would agree removing the paint is the responsible action to take. Instead, they are asking the City to exempt them from the standards that other businesses have complied with.

Beyond painting the façade, the color does not comply with the Downtown Design Standards. Nor does it comply with the Citywide Design guidelines that calls for tenants within shopping centers to be "cohesive in terms of style and color with the entire center"—nothing along that block of Jefferson is so vibrant. On 11/2/17, Denim & Soul appealed to paint that brick façade at 22-26W Jefferson white. That petitioner followed the process, asked to use a neutral color, and asked to use a color consistent with their branding. Still their request was denied both by the PZC and City Council. None of those petitioner's factors apply in this case. Here, the petitioner did not follow the process, is not asking to use a neutral color, nor is even asking to use a color consistent with their branding. Their branding is primarily black and white with either a dark gold or olive green accent. Their Downer's Grove location has an unpainted brick exterior and complies well with neighboring tenants. Please see a few attached screenshots of their branding and the Downer's Grove location.

Thank you for your consideration,

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