Social Engineering of Chinatown

South Cass Corridor Walking Tour

Professor T's Travels Thu the "D"

"We're not dead yet but we're getting there"

Toto, we're not in San Francisco anymore, nor New York, Toronto, Chicago, or even Windsor, Ontario. We are in a one restaurant Chinatown. And even that was too good for Detroit, which went a decade and a half as a NO restaurant Chinatown. Discover how the social engineering experiment of city government created the Cass Corridor, and destroyed Detroit's Chinatown. Experience a walking tour taking in the remnants of Detroit's second Chinatown, while also learning about the destruction of the first.

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You can safely explore the rich history of the southern Cass Corridor/Chinatown neighborhood with Wayne State's/EMU's Professor T, a renowned speaker, urban historian, political scientist and lifelong Detroiter whose first-hand knowledge will entertain and educate.

Visit the place where restaurant owner Tommy Lee was murdered; learn about the killing of Vincent Chin, a Chinese American mistaken for a Japanese American who was beaten to death by laid off auto workers. Their sentence for his killing, probation!

Hearrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr and see Kresge's and Motown's last headquarters in Detroit, George Mason's Temple, and the Spite king's mansion.

Enjoy seeing one of Detroit's most forgotten ethnic neighborhoods where boarded up buildings, vacant parcels, and mud filled parking lots bump up against emerging businesses, DIY entrepreneurs, and the ever looming shadow of the new arena, which is transforming the area and may lead to an actual rebirth of Chinatown.

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Chinatown Tour Info:

- Five or more: Choose your tour date
- Cost $15/person. $10 for WSU/EMU students with current ID
- Start/End at Great Lakes Coffee, 3965 Woodward (Parking structure to the west)
- Wear your walking shoes!
- To purchase tickets: Venmo.com (@Benjamin-Tallerico)
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