

Andrew Berman

Executive Director,
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for Historic Preservation

Biography



Andrew is a lifelong New Yorker, born and raised in the Bronx, where he attended New York City public schools and graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. He holds a bachelor's degree in Art History from Wesleyan University, and has lived and worked on the West Side and in Lower Manhattan for more than twenty years.

From 1993 to 2001 he worked for Tom Duane in the City Council and the State Senate, where he focused on community issues in Greenwich Village Chelsea, and Hell's Kitchen, as well as in the areas of education, transportation infrastructure, the environment, and senior services. Since 2002 he has been the Executive Director of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, which has become the largest neighborhood preservation organization in New York City. During his tenure, GVSHP has secured groundbreaking landmarking and neighborhood zoning protections in the Meatpacking District, along the Greenwich Village waterfront, and in the South and East Village. He has helped lead the charge against development plans by Donald Trump and NYU.

Andrew has been named to Vanity Fair's "Hall of Fame" for his work to fight to preserve the character of Greenwich Village, and was named one of the 100 Most Influential New Yorkers by New York Magazine and one of the 100 Most Powerful People in New York Real Estate by the New York Observer. During his tenure, the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation has awarded the Excellence in Historic Preservation Award by the Preservation League of NY State and the Lucy Moses Organizational Excellence Award by the NY Landmarks Conservancy, and has been named "Best of NYC" by the Village Voice.

Andrew has served on the boards of the NY State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition, Housing Conservation Coordinators, the Chelsea Reform Democratic Club, the Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association, and was a founding member of the West Side Neighborhood Alliance and Friends of Pier 84. He was a plaintiff in the successful lawsuit to remove private helicopter service from the Hudson River Park.