



HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL



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Honorable Robert Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th Floor
One Centre Street
New York City, New York 10007

Dear Chair Tierney,

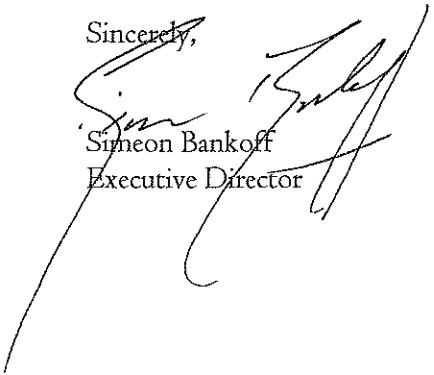
The Historic Districts Council is writing to support the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and the East Village Community Coalition's recent Request for Evaluation for 328 and 326 East 4th Street.

By some miracle, these two Greek revival rowhouses in the East Village have remained, from the ironwork of their stoops and areaways all the way up to their dentilated cornices, remarkably intact since their construction some 170 years ago. This miracle seems about to be broken with applications recently filed with the Department of Buildings to substantially alter these historic structures.

While the Landmarks Preservation Commission's dedicated, careful research and outreach to owners is the typical route that has happily ended in many designations throughout the city, now is one of those rare times when swift action is necessary. We request, while there is still time before the permits are approved and pulled, that 328 and 326 East 4th Street be calendared.

Thank you for attention to this matter and the many others throughout the city.

Sincerely,



Simeon Bankoff
Executive Director