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Dear all:

Thank you for your interest in the historic preservation of the East Village / Lower East Side neighborhood in Manhattan and for your input regarding the Landmarks Preservation Commission's proposed designation of two historic districts in this area.

As you know, the Commission seeks to work in partnership with stakeholders when considering the designation of a proposed historic district. In that spirit, my staff and I have held information sessions for property owners and the Community Board, and met several times with you and Council Member Rosie Mendez to discuss the proposed boundaries of these two potential historic districts. Following our meeting last week, the Commission undertook another careful analysis of the additional areas proposed by your groups and other neighborhood advocates for inclusion in the potential East Village / Lower East Side Historic District.

I am pleased to inform you that after additional site visits and analysis, the Commission staff has recommended expanding the proposed East Village / Lower East Side Historic District to include four buildings on Avenue A and thirteen properties on East 2nd Street (including the landmark Marble Cemetery), for an addition of seventeen properties to the original proposal. The remaining sites in your proposal were determined to be too altered or not in keeping with the criteria for historic districts that we discussed at length in last week's meeting.

We are reaching out to the owners of the newly added properties, and are on track to potentially hold a calendaring vote in June.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Kate Daly, Executive Director, at (212) 669-7926.

Thanks for your interest in historic preservation and in the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Tierney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is the printed name "Robert B. Tierney".

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