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City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn  
224 West 30th St, Suite 1206  
New York, NY 10001

State Senator Thomas K. Duane  
322 Eighth Ave., Suite 1700  
New York, NY 10001

Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick  
853 Broadway, Suite 1518  
New York, NY 10003

**Re: 370 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Far West Village, Manhattan**

Dear Speaker Quinn, Senator Duane, and Assemblymember Glick,

I write to you regarding the above-mentioned building in the Far West Village. Built in 1839, it is a rare surviving Greek Revival house that recalls the early days of the Greenwich Village waterfront. The building is currently threatened by a developer's plan to significantly alter the front and rear facades and to add a penthouse addition.

As you are aware, in 2005 the Landmarks Preservation Commission responded to a community campaign to save the Far West Village by promising to consider designation of eight individual landmarks in addition to a Weekhawken Street Historic District and an extension to the Greenwich Village Historic District (see attached). Since then, the LPC has designated both historic districts and five of the eight promised individual landmarks. However, the remaining three promised individual landmarks – 370 & 372 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and Charles Lane – still lack protection. In spite of multiple requests from GVSHP over the past six-and-a-half years, the LPC has refused to follow through on its promise.

The fact that 370 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street is now imminently threatened makes the need for designation of these three promised landmarks all the more urgent. Upon discovering the threat, GVSHP wrote a letter to the LPC (attached) urging them to calendar the building for potential designation. Their response (also attached) that the building “does not appear to have significant architectural or historical distinction to merit designation” indicates a complete disregard for their former determination and commitment.

The LPC's 2005 promise was made not just to you and to GVSHP, but to the entire Village community with a vested interest in protecting its significant historic resources. I therefore urge you to call on the LPC as soon as possible to keep their promise and to move forward with designation of the three remaining individual

landmarks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew Berman", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Andrew Berman  
Executive Director

CC: Manhattan Community Board 2