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Hon. David Gruber, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan  
3 Washington Square Village, #1A  
New York, NY 10012

**Re: Phase III of Proposed South Village Historic District, South of Houston Street**

Dear David,

I write to thank Community Board #2 for its support thus far for landmark designation of the South Village, which achieved a major step forward today with the Landmark Preservation Commission's designation of "Phase II" of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation's proposed South Village Historic District.

However, as you know, "Phase III," the area south of Houston Street, remains unprotected and imminently endangered, and thus far the Landmarks Preservation Commission has made no commitment regarding consideration of this area for landmark designation. This in spite of the fact that the entire South Village, including this area, was just approved for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, and the fact that the Hudson Square Rezoning, approved earlier this year, has greatly increased development pressure upon this area.

I thus request that Community Board #2 add to its agenda a request from the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation to issue a resolution urging the Landmarks Preservation Commission to move ahead as quickly as possible with Phase III of the district we first proposed in 2006. I request that such a resolution be addressed to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the new Mayor, with copies to local elected officials, so they can be made aware that this a high priority for the Community Board.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your past support for efforts to landmark and preserve the South Village.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman  
Executive Director

Cc: Sean Sweeney, Chair, CB 2 Landmarks Committee  
SoHo Alliance  
South Village Neighbors  
Charlton Street Block Association  
VanDam Street Block Association