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Amanda M. Burden, FAICP, Director  
New York City Department of City Planning  
22 Reade Street  
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Dear Director Burden,

As you know, for nearly a year and a half, a coalition of Greenwich Village organizations and block associations has been advocating for a rezoning of the C6-1 zoning district in the Far West Village. We appreciate the New York City Department of City Planning's (DCP) willingness over the past year to engage in discussions with us and Manhattan Community Board 2 (CB2) about this possible rezoning. We are also grateful for the commitment DCP made after meeting with our staffs and CB2 representatives on April 1, 2009, to undertake a detailed, lot-by-lot study of the C6-1 area, and to analyze the proposed rezoning to C1-6A. It is our understanding that this study is almost completed. We look forward to seeing the results.

We wish to make clear that, like these organizations and CB2, we believe that this district should be rezoned to C1-6A or another zoning district that would preserve the character of this low-scale, predominantly residential, historic neighborhood and be complementary with the adjacent Far West Village rezoning enacted in 2005.

In 2005, we and many of those now advancing this rezoning had believed that the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission's (LPC) pending designation of the Greenwich Village Historic District Extension would be sufficient to protect the C6-1 area from non-contextual development. However, since then we have had reservations about the increasing heights of buildings in the West Village Historic District. We have additional concerns about the current FAR bonus for commercial and community facility uses, and share the community's desire to bring height and bulk limits into line with adjacent areas.

We look forward to continuing to work with DCP and the Greenwich Village community to ensure the most appropriate zoning for this area.

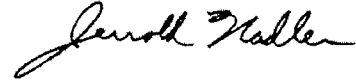
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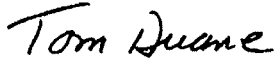
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Cc: Concerned local residents