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Mayor Michael Bloomberg  
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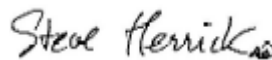
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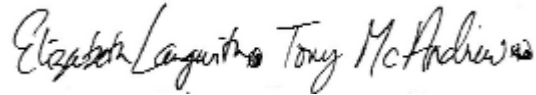
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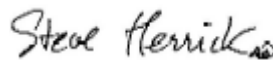
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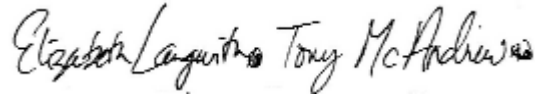
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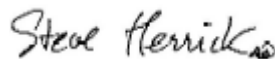
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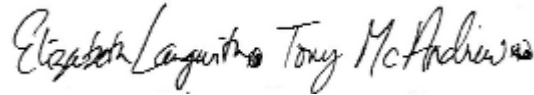
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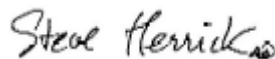
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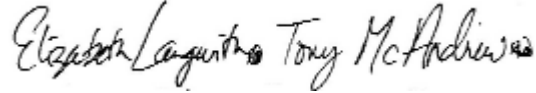
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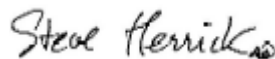
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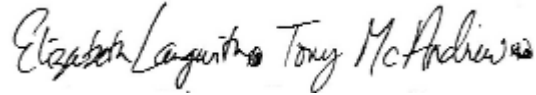
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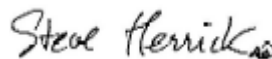
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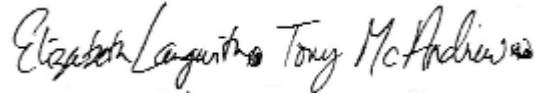
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Congresswoman, 12<sup>th</sup> C.D.  
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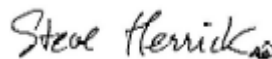
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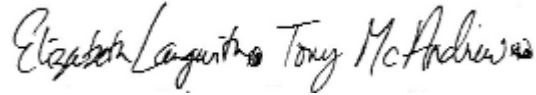
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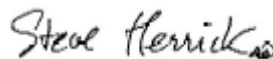
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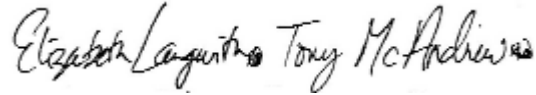
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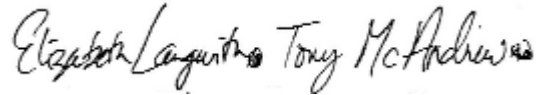
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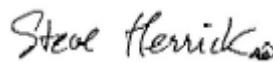
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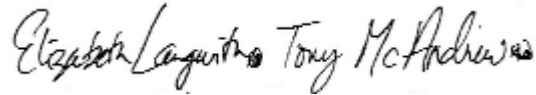
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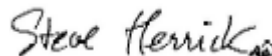
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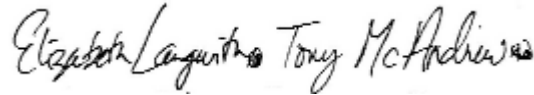
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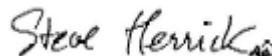
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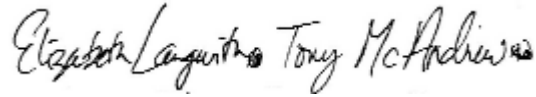
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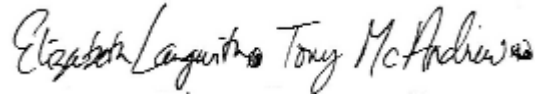
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January 6, 2006

Community Board #2, Manhattan  
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**Re: Call for the City to Assist New York University in Locating New  
Facilities Outside of Greenwich Village, the East Village, Union Square,  
and Noho**

Dear Community Board #2:

New York University has recently announced plans to build a 200,000 square foot, 26-story, 700-bed dormitory on East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, which will be the tallest building in the East Village. Within just the last few years, the University has also built a large new student center and law school building on Washington Square South, and two enormous dormitories on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. This comes after more than 20 years of consistent physical expansion by NYU in Greenwich Village, Noho, and the East Village, leading to a significant change in the character – physical and otherwise – of these neighborhoods. With this new development, and the distinct likelihood of more such development in these areas in the very near future, we are increasingly concerned that there appears to be an inexorable ‘NYU-ization’ of our neighborhoods. While we see value in the presence of institutions of higher learning within our communities, this continued expansion clearly has a huge impact upon the residential, commercial, and physical character of our communities, leading to their homogenization and to the destruction of their distinctive character that contribute significantly to the health and vitality of the city.

It is clear that something must be done to change this equation if we are to preserve the character of our neighborhoods that we value so dearly. It is also clear that NYU will continue to expand significantly in our neighborhoods if allowed, in spite of rising real estate prices and fierce competition for land use which makes such growth difficult for the University. Due to the inherent desire of an institution like NYU for proximity between facilities, it is clear that they will always seek to expand in this area as long as the possibility exists, no matter how difficult. Up to this point, the City’s policy has clearly been to allow and encourage the University to expand, citing the benefits in terms of jobs, cultural activity, and prestige. However, we believe that this expansion is having a negative impact upon our neighborhoods in the aforementioned ways that also works to the detriment of the City, and under the current conditions NYU’s desire to expand and the desire to maintain the distinctive and valuable character of our neighborhoods remain in inherent and intractable conflict.

However, there is a solution, which could ultimately benefit the City, our neighborhoods, and the University. The City must assist NYU in founding of one or more auxiliary campuses, so that if the University is to expand, it can be done outside of our neighborhoods, rather than simply taking over larger and

larger sections of them. NYU used to have a second campus in the Bronx; they closed it and sold it off in the early 1970's, thus helping to fuel their subsequent expansion downtown. As a university composed of several smaller schools, NYU's structure easily lends itself to one or more secondary campuses in other locations. The Village's central location and ample subway service mean that a new campus in any number of other parts of the City could easily be connected to the current main campus by mass transit. The City is currently seeking to redevelop areas throughout the five boroughs – Downtown Brooklyn, Long Island City, the Williamsburg/Greenpoint Waterfront, Lower Manhattan and Ground Zero, Hudson Yards, and Governor's Island are just a few examples. The location of a prestigious university could serve as a significant anchor and catalyst for the growth and economic diversification the City is seeking in redeveloping areas. By contrast, NYU's continued expansion in the Village, already saturated with educational institutions, does not offer the same benefits. Similarly, other areas of the City where significant redevelopment efforts are underway may afford the University an opportunity to grow in a planned, rational manner, with contiguous facilities and an actual campus – a prospect not possible in the Village.

The alternative is the continued erosion of the character of our neighborhoods, their increasing transformation into the de facto campus of the largest private university in the United States, and increasingly bitter conflict between the University and the neighborhoods that surround them. It is difficult to imagine how this outcome serves anyone's best interests, especially when there is a reasonable alternative that can address all parties' concerns.

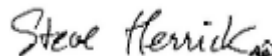
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We look forward to your response, which can be directed through Andrew Berman and the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,



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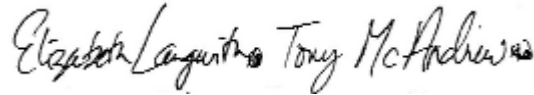
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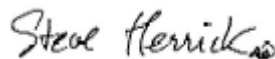
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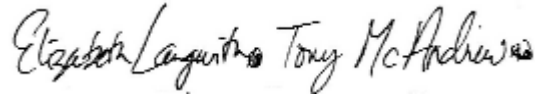
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