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Dear Andrew:

Thank you for your recent letters. As you know, the Commission plans to begin owner outreach shortly concerning a proposed South Village Historic District.

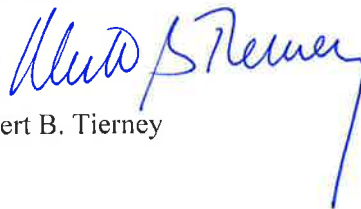
The Commission's staff always meets with owners in proposed historic districts at the early stages of the process as a way to build strong, productive, long-term partnerships with them and to encourage participation in the designation of their properties. Reaching out to property owners in the area to explain LPC's designation and regulatory processes throughout the designation process is a critical component to a successful district.

In addition to our ongoing work on several proposed historic districts currently underway throughout the City, we nonetheless expect to vote on the proposed South Village historic district by the end of this calendar year, after a thorough public review process. The possibility of alterations to buildings in any potential historic district is a cause for concern, but our experience has shown that changes involving only one, or a small number of buildings relative to the overall size of a large district, do not diminish the integrity of the neighborhood as a whole, or affect the district's eligibility.

Finally, I'm sure the primary source research GVSHP has completed on buildings within the proposed district will be of great assistance to my staff as they draft LPC's detailed designation report. My staff will reach out to Amanda Davis on your staff shortly to discuss these materials.

Thank you for your interest in historic preservation and in the work of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Tierney