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Robert Tierney
Chairperson
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Tierney,

First, let me formally thank you for agreeing to calendar the Greenwich Village Historic District Extension. This Extension will protect an important neighborhood from inappropriate development and, as a local representative who has advocated vociferously on behalf of such an action, I applaud this decision. However, I am concerned about a development planned for 309 Sixth Avenue, located within this District, and the potential damage it might have upon a neighborhood which is eminently close to being included in a Landmark District.

The developer of this site plans to construct a seven story building on a narrow parcel of land. The community has not been privy to the developer's plans and I fear the building will not be contextually appropriate to the 1828 houses that are directly adjacent to this site.

Therefore, I encourage the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) to exercise its power to delay the necessary permits for the project. I believe this action will encourage the developer to collaborate with the community to help ensure the building design is appropriate.

In New York City, sunlight and sky are small natural wonders that have been transformed into precious amenities. The seven-story building planned for this site, although legally as of right, would be dramatically out of scale and therefore will have a negative impact upon the surrounding community. Fortunately, the LPC has the ability to halt this project before it creates problems.

Thank you for your help in this matter. As Jane Jacobs would have said this is the sort of change we need to examine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah J. Glick".

Deborah J. Glick
Assemblymember