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December 2, 2014

Meenakshi Srinivasan  
Chair  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor North  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

I write to express my serious concern over the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission's (LPC) proposed "de-calendaring" of potential landmark sites throughout the city, including 14 sites in my Senate District (noted on the schedule attached hereto), and strongly urge that the LPC reconsider this course of action.

I do not believe that the LPC has allowed for sufficient public input on such a drastic action and I fear that removing properties from the calendar may place many vulnerable potential landmarks at risk. Last year, after receiving notification that a former automobile showroom designed by Frank Lloyd Wright at 430 Park Avenue in my district was under consideration as a landmark, the owners soon thereafter demolished the property literally in the middle of the night, thereby robbing New Yorkers of an important part of our city's historic and cultural heritage. I am concerned that once LPC removes the proposed properties from the calendar, thus removing the protections that this preliminary designation imparts, the same fate will befall these properties and they, too, will be demolished with absolutely no recourse provided to the public. Instead, the LPC should hold public hearings on the properties and carefully and deliberately consider each one on the merits of the proposed landmark, rather than on the length of time it has been on the LPC's calendar.



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It would be an indelible stain on New York City's collective conscience for these historic properties to have survived so long, only to be lost to an administrative "clearing out" of longstanding calendared properties. The Commission should delay the scheduled December 9 vote and review each property through the normal landmark process to allow preservationists, community members and property owners time to review and comment on proposed actions.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please call me at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Hoylman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Hoylman  
State Senator  
27<sup>th</sup> District

Encl.

cc: Simeon Bankoff, Historic Districts Council  
Andrew Berman, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation  
Richard Moses, Lower East Side Preservation Initiative  
Arlene Simon, LANDMARK WEST!

Properties Proposed for De-Calendarling in 27th Senate District

<b>Property</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Calendared</b>
138 Second Avenue House	138 Second Avenue	1900 (est.)	2009
Hotel Renaissance/ Columbia Club	4 West 43rd Street	1900 (est.)	2000
Mission of the Immaculate Virgin	448 West 56th Street	1903	2009
IRT Powerhouse	11th Avenue at West 58th & 59th Streets	1904	1979
Broadway Theaters (5 exteriors, 5 interiors)	Theater District	Early 1900s	1982