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Lower East Side Preservation Initiative



East Village Community Coalition

July 16, 2012

Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair  
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission  
One Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: Department of Buildings Permit Filed for 80 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in East Village/Lower East Side/Historic District**

Dear Chair Tierney:

It has come to our attention that the Department of Buildings permit applications to add two stories atop this 3-story federal have received partial approval. This building is in the proposed East Village/Lower East Side Historic District and such a change would no doubt destroy the integrity of this building, one of the oldest in the calendared district and part of a unique row adjacent to the NYC Marble Cemetery.

This pending alteration is yet another indication of the fragility of the built fabric in the proposed East Village/Lower East Side Historic District and underscores the need to move swiftly to designate the district to prevent any further unsympathetic alterations. Since the East Village/Lower East Side Historic District was proposed an 1852 rowhouse at 331 East 6th Street has been demolished, and the cornice has been removed from the D. & J. Jardine designed French flats at 51 East 2nd Street, among other changes eroding the area's historic character.

We hope that the Commission can intervene to ensure that these permits are not issued prior to designation and that you will move forward quickly in designating the East Village/Lower East Side Historic District to prevent any further unsympathetic changes to this irreplaceable historic fabric.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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