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February 21, 2013

Hon. Christine Quinn
Speaker, New York City Council
224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Dear Speaker Quinn,

On behalf of the Preservation League of New York State, I urge you to support the preservation of the historic South Village by not approving the Hudson Square Rezoning unless New York City agrees to landmark the proposed adjacent South Village Historic District.


In 2003, the Preservation League of New York State funded a survey of the South Village, undertaken by Andrew Dolkart for the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation. In 2007 and 2009, we submitted letters requesting evaluation of the proposed South Village Historic District to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Most recently, the Preservation League named the South Village as one of our 2012 *Seven to Save*, designating the neighborhood as among the most threatened and important historic resources in New York State.

We understand that in addition to the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, Community Board #2 also supports landmarking the South Village Historic District as part of the Hudson Square rezoning. We also understand that the City's own environmental analysis declared the South Village landmark-eligible and noted that the Hudson Square rezoning would create a "significant adverse impact" on the South Village.

Thanks to the survey work already completed by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, with funding from the Preservation League, we know that much of the necessary research to designate a New York City Historic District has been completed.

The Preservation League appreciates your past support of a complete South Village Historic District and asks you to please continue that support by not approving the Hudson Square rezoning unless the City landmarks the South Village. Thank you for your consideration and support of this important historic district. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Jay A. DiLorenzo
President

cc: Andrew Berman, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation