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Simeon Bankoff Historic Districts Council 232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10003

Andrew Berman GVSHP 232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10003

Re: 27 East 4th Street, Manhattan

Dear Simeon and Andrew:

I am writing in response to your letter of June 4<sup>th</sup> regarding a pending application for construction of a new building at 27 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, immediately next to the Merchant's House Museum, an individual landmark that also contains interior designated spaces.

Senior staff members of the Landmarks Commission have had, and are continuing to have, extensive discussions with their counterparts at the Department of Buildings and the Parks Department regarding the proposed new building at 27 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street and its possible impact on the Merchant's House. Staff from all three agencies have also met with the applicant's team of professionals regarding steps to be taken to avoid damage to the Merchant's House.

As you know, the Commission will be holding a public hearing regarding the new building proposed for 27 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. You are welcome to attend the hearing and express your concerns to the Commission and applicant at that time.

John Weiss

cc: Robert B. Tierney