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Mr. Andrew Berman
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Re: Boundaries of the Proposed South Village Study Area

Dear Mr. Berman,

I write in response to your letter concerning the boundaries of the proposed South Village Study Area. A senior staff committee of the Landmarks Preservation Commission has carefully reviewed your request.

After a careful evaluation, the Commission staff has concluded that the New York University Vanderbilt Law School at 40 Washington Square South, and the New York University Kevorkian Center, appear to meet the criteria for designation and will be recommended to the full Commission for inclusion within the proposed South Village Study Area. The Vanderbilt Law School Building is a contextual design that contributes to the sense of place along the southwest corner of Washington South—the western edge of which is within the boundaries of the Greenwich Village Historic District. The Kevorkian Center is a critically well-received modern building designed by a celebrated architect.

In addition, the Commission plans to bring forward for calendaring the ten buildings on Houston Street between MacDougal and Sullivan Streets. Although initial research suggests that due to extensive changes over time the entire row is too altered to merit consideration, the Commission plans to include this block in the boundaries to be calendared to allow for a robust public review process.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Tierney". The signature is stylized and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert B. Tierney