



April 17, 2013

Robert Tierney
Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: The proposed South Village Historic District boundaries

Dear Chair Tierney:

As supporters of the proposed South Village Historic District since it was first conceived in 2006, we appreciate the significant step taken last month by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in committing to calendar and vote on the unprotected section of the district north of Houston Street and to complete a survey of the area south of Houston Street by the end of the year. This significant commitment will help ensure that the character of the South Village, and the history of the late-19th and early-20th century immigrants who populated it, is preserved.

The Commission's draft proposed boundaries for the South Village Historic District include a substantial number of historically rich buildings and locations, but leave three important sites out, which we believe contribute to the proposed district. These properties include the blockfront of the north side of Houston Street, between MacDougal and Sullivan Streets; 40 Washington Square South; and 50 Washington Square South. We believe these buildings are worthy of inclusion and strongly encourage the Commission to consider extending the proposed South Village Historic District boundaries to include these sites in advance of the upcoming public hearing.

Thank you for your attention to our request and for LPC's dedication to preserving our City's heritage.

Sincerely,

Christine C. Quinn
Speaker

Scott M. Stringer
Manhattan Borough President

Jerrold L. Nadler
U.S. Representative

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