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To: Amanda Burden

22 Reade Street

City Planning Commission

New York City, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Burden,

The Sixth St. and Avenue B Garden has been in the East Village for 26 years. Many of our members are long-standing residents of the East Village and have been actively involved in community efforts to preserve the unique quality of life that we have in the East Village and the Lower East Side.

In recent years we have seen development escalate in our neighborhoods, threatening the way of life for so many people who have helped to grow this community in a responsible way. While the recent rezoning of the East Village and Lower East Side, is a big help to curbing some of the development, the exclusion of Bowery has greatly encouraged development at an extremely fast pace, endangering some of NYC's oldest buildings, and one of its oldest thoroughfares with out-of-scale development and luxury hotels.

The Sixth St. and Ave. B garden has more than 75 members and we voted unanimously to support this plan. We now urge you to support the East Bowery Preservation Plan as put forth by the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors. Our neighborhoods are unique and historic because so many of us who live here deeply care about not only about our quality of life in our neighborhoods, but also the rich history of the East Village and the Lower Eastside.

Thank You for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Hohausner".

William Hohausner, President

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