

THE GOLDMAN PROPERTIES COMPANY

Amanda Burden, Chair City Planning Commission 22 Reade Street New York, NY 10007

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Dear Ms. Burden,

As a resident of SOHO's Historic Cast Iron District for over thirty years, I recognize the importance of a strong preservation ordinance for the protection of New York City's historic resources. I write to urge you to support the East Bowery Preservation Plan to eliminate the threat to this storied boulevard.

One of the greatest things about New York is its many different neighborhoods. The architectural styles and histories vary from neighborhood to neighborhood, and no two places are alike. Through the pioneering efforts of New York's preservationists the city has managed to retain its unique character, and has not fallen victim to the redevelopment schemes which plague cities throughout the United States. The Bowery is not the place where preservationists should relent – much of the history of the Bowery forms the foundation of New York's political and immigration history, and it is imperative that the neighborhood retain its current scale.

That is why I am fully behind the implementation of the East Bowery Preservation Plan. Can you imagine SOHO's skyline polluted with modern skyscrapers? – Let's not leave that fate to the Bowery, but rather ensure low rise contextual zoning congruent with the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

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