

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

July 23, 2009

Dear Amanda Burden,

I am writing this as a long term resident, landlord, and building owner on the Bowery. I urge the City Planning Commission to protect the east side of the Bowery in the same manner as the west side is already. Let us keep alive the Bowery's long history and keep the low-rise, late 18th and early 19th century buildings. This height scale and the diverse mix of residents, business, cultures and the arts community bring the local public as well as tourists to our doors. Do not allow large hotel and condo development to destroy this diversity and community vitality.

I support the Bowery Alliance of Neighbor's (BAN's) proposed East Bowery Preservation Plan: The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (BAN) proposes that the east side of the Bowery, from 9th st. to Canal st., should be rezoned to ensure that it is in line with the rest of the community--the Special Little Italy District, the NoHo Historic District, and the East Village/Lower East Side. The buildings on both sides of the Bowery are comparable, so it is logical to have the same regulations be in effect for both sides. This would limit the height of buildings to 85 feet, or eight stories, and would protect buildings of special significance by preventing their demolition.

Sincerely,



Will Ryman