December 31, 2009

Ms. Amanda M. Burden, A.I.C.P., Director
NYC Department of City Planning (DCP)
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

At its December 2009 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motion:

That Community Board #3 continues to support the rezoning of the Bowery (previously approved in September 2007). We support the principles laid out in the proposed E Bowery Preservation Plan to extend the low-rise zoning of West Bowery.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dominic Pisciotta, Chair
Community Board #3

David McWater, Chair
Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing Committee

cc: Arthur Huh, DCP
    Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
    Council Member Rosie Mendez
    Council Member Alan Gerson

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Dear Ms. Burden,

At its September 2007 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following resolution:

Manhattan Community Board 3 (CB3) is alarmed by the rapid out of scale development on the Bowery and the displacement this has caused.

WHEREAS, the gentrification of the Bowery is causing the upheaval and displacement of many long term tenants; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for large scale development on the Bowery has caused an increase in harassment of tenants; and

WHEREAS, the noise from the large developments has eroded the quality of life of the tenants; and

WHEREAS, the greatly increased traffic now and anticipated in the near future is also a detriment to the quality of life of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Bowery is an emergency services route and the construction and impeding traffic could greatly alter the ability of the neighborhood to receive emergency services in a timely matter; and

WHEREAS, the Bowery is an important part of the city’s history and deserves the attention of the city in regards to preservation; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB3 supports the preservation of the contextual character of the Bowery between Canal and 6th Streets.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

David McWater, Chair
Community Board #3

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