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Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
Director, Department of City Planning
City of New York
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Ms. Burden,

I've owned and operated Chair Up, a hard-working, light manufacturing, small business in New York City's well-known restaurant supply district, for the last decade at 219-221 Bowery. I serve the restaurant industry, which is so vital to the city's economy. In fact, restaurants are central to many industries in the city, including entertainment, hotels and tourism. I count myself among numerous small business owners who've contributed to making the Bowery a bustling, viable place to do business, as well as a fascinating and enjoyable experience for all visitors.

I recently heard that members of our community led by Bowery Alliance of Neighbors started a grassroots campaign to preserve the historic architectural character of the east side of the Bowery. I was impressed that many others share my concerns, and question the disruptive out-sized development that has already begun to diminish the authentic downtown quality of the area.

In the past, I've felt confident thinking of the east side of the Bowery as Chair Up's home base. Recently, I've seen first-hand that over-development threatens historic neighborhoods and existing small businesses. The Bowery needs the city's support in more ways than one. I hope to see this area flourish, yet in a responsible way.

I urge you to support the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors' zoning proposal to protect the history and architecture of the east side of the Bowery. I believe that the plan's 85-foot height cap would contribute in a crucial way toward the shared long-term goals of historic preservation and area small businesses.

Sincerely,



David Greenspan

Owner and Operator,
Chair Up