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Amanda Burden, Chair  
NYC Planning Commission  
22 Reade St.  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Burden,

I am writing to lend a voice of support for the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors' proposed East Bowery Preservation Plan. In my view, this plan would help protect the special low-rise and residential character of the eastern side of the Bowery, threatened in recent years with inappropriate development, by extending to it the regulations currently governing the western side.

This extension, I believe, would be a logical step for the city to take. In addition to helping ensure that new construction would be subject to limitations on height and usage, it would provide a degree of protection for buildings of "special significance." Researching my new book, I was made aware of a number of surviving buildings along the eastern side of the Bowery that contributed in salient ways to the city's 19<sup>th</sup> century entertainment and recreational culture. The East Bowery Preservation Plan could help preserve these sites for future generations of New Yorkers.

Sincerely,



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