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Amanda Burden City Planning Commission 20 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007

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Dear Ms. Burden,

The Bowery district is quintessential New York; a city within a city. That most of the surrounding neighborhoods have been protected under zoning restrictions is a testament to this very fact and is a call for the East Side of the Bowery to be protected in a similar manner.

By allowing the neighborhood to be dissected by those with the financial means we commit both an egregious blunder and a disservice to the city of New York. Development must be encouraged but held accountable to the very neighborhood and community that inspired it.

It is for these reasons that I support the East Bowery Preservation Plan and urge you take action on its behalf. The extension of protective low-rise zoning outlined in the plan will preserve the historical integrity of the Bowery and of New York City.

Sincerely

Philip Glass