

Champ Depot

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**Amanda Burden, Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
NY, NY 10007**

Dear Chair Burden,

Though my company is located on the west side of the Bowery, we are alarmed at the negative impact the zoning across the street is having on all of us. The high-rise building boom is causing rents to soar; in some cases landlords have doubled or even tripled rents. Several of my hardworking neighbors in the restaurant supply and lighting districts have been priced out in this manner.

These luxury high-rises are also destroying the neighborhood's character, charm, and value as the historic center of the immigrant neighborhoods of Chinatown, Little Italy, and the Lower East Side. Since people come here to enjoy the quaint old neighborhoods, it makes no sense to let them be torn down or disfigured by freakishly out of place skyscrapers.

In order to preserve the historic low-rise character of the Bowery as well as its economically important jewelry, lighting, and restaurant supply businesses, I strongly support the East Bowery Preservation Plan, which is being sponsored by the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors.

Sincerely,



**Paul Wong,
General Manager**