

Attention: Amanda Burden
Chairperson
City Planning Commission
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Dear Ms. Burden,

As a building owner on the Bowery since 1966, I am writing to urge you to protect the east side of the Bowery, just as the west side has been protected. The Bowery has a long history of low-rise, late 18th and early 19th century buildings, a mix of residents, business and cultures, and an arts community, all of which bring the local public as well as tourists to our doors. It is good for business, and it is good for all of New York. Do not allow large hotel and condo development to destroy our diversity and community vitality.

I support the Bowery Alliance of Neighbor's (BAN's) proposed East Bowery Preservation Plan: "The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (BAN) proposes that the east side of the Bowery, from 9th Street to Canal Street, should be rezoned to ensure that it is in line with the rest of the community--the Special Little Italy District, the NoHo Historic District, and the East Village/Lower East Side. Since the buildings on the east side of the Bowery are comparable to those on the west side, it is logical to have the same regulations that are already in effect on the west side. This would limit the height of the buildings to 85 feet, or eight stories, and would protect buildings of special significance to prevent their demolition.

This plan will protect the current residents and businesses on the Bowery and ensure that the restaurant supply, lighting and jewelry districts will continue to be a presence in New York City."

Sincerely,

Jay Maisel

