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October 27, 2010

Ms. Amanda Burden, Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairwoman Burden:

I am writing to express my support for the East Bowery Preservation Plan proposed by the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors. As a State Senator representing Lower Manhattan, I feel that preserving the Bowery's historical attributes and ensuring the community's diversity is a priority.

The Bowery is one of the city's oldest historic districts and is a vital component of the culture and history of Lower Manhattan. It has been the home to some of our most celebrated artists, writers, filmmakers, and musicians, and to this day, many artists and writers work and live on the Bowery. Historically, its low-rise, low-density tenements and local stores have shaped a neighborhood that has hosted generations of immigrants.

To preserve the character and rich cultural history of Lower Manhattan's neighborhoods, the City has rezoned NoHo, Little Italy, the East Village, the Lower East Side, and the west side of the Bowery. However, these measures were not extended to the east side of the Bowery, which leaves the area open to development that is not appropriate to the context and character of the block. The East Bowery Preservation Plan maintains that any new developments in the area would be of a size and scale that would not interfere with the Bowery's architectural integrity.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. If you have any questions, please contact my District Office Director, Mary Cooley, at 212-298-5565 or by e-mail at mcooley@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Squadron".

Daniel Squadron
State Senator
25th Senate District