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

Hon. Robert Tierney  
Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
One Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: East Side of the Bowery, Manhattan**

Dear Chair Burden and Chair Tierney,

The East Village Community Coalition endorses the East Bowery Preservation Plan proposed by the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors. At the convergence of the Lower East Side, East Village, Chinatown, NoHo, and Little Italy, the Bowery's cultural, architectural, and historical significance cannot be overstated.

The East Bowery Preservation Plan would provide the east side of the Bowery and Cooper Square with the same zoning that protects the Bowery's west side from out-of-scale development. The recent rezoning of an 111-block area of the Lower East Side and East Village provided important protections to these neighborhoods while allowing for growth. We ask the City Planning Commission to extend similar protections to the Bowery's small and medium-sized historic buildings along its east side.

Recent developments along the Bowery have mostly been large buildings including hotels and dormitories, many are 20 stories or more. These structures significantly change the streetscape and historic low-rise character of the street. Please help preserve the Bowery.

Sincerely,

Kurt Cavanaugh  
Managing Director