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Ms. Amanda Burden, Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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Dear Ms. Burden:

As the Assemblyman representing Chinatown, Little Italy and the Lower East Side, I am writing to express my support for the rezoning proposed by the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors in its East Bowery Preservation Plan. The Bowery is a renowned and historically rich part of my Lower Manhattan district and adjoins neighborhoods that have been rezoned by City Planning to preserve their unique character and scale. These neighborhoods include the East Village and the Lower East Side, Little Italy, NoHo and the west side of the Bowery. I believe that the east side of the Bowery deserves the same type of zoning to ensure that new buildings are of a size and scale that maintain the Bowery as the unique New York City thoroughfare that it is today.

The East Bowery Preservation Plan would provide the east side of the Bowery with the same low-rise contextual zoning that currently protects the west side of the Bowery. The recent rezoning of the East Village/Lower East Side leaves out the east side of the Bowery, making it vulnerable to out-of-scale buildings that would diminish the consistency of the streetscape and the Bowery's historic character.

I strongly support the East Bowery Preservation Plan and I urge City Planning to study and rezone the east side of the Bowery to preserve and protect this historic and significant neighborhood in my district.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheldon Silver".

SHELDON SILVER
Member of Assembly