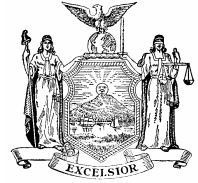




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September 29, 2010

Hon. Robert Tierney
Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

We write to request timely consideration of landmark status for 326 and 328 East 4th Street, two historic East Village buildings that are threatened with substantial alteration or destruction after a recent transfer of ownership.

The buildings have housed generations of East Village history: almost two centuries ago, they began as a home for leaders of the neighborhood's vital shipping industry; they later hosted families of immigrants from all over the world, acted as a synagogue for Jewish settlers from Eastern Europe and, most recently, housed artists of the generation that has helped the neighborhood recover and thrive.

Throughout close to two centuries of changing uses, much of the original architectural detail has remained intact, further enhancing the historic value of these structures.

Given the historic value of these buildings, the strong sentiment in the community that they are worthy of landmark status and the imminent plans of the owner to alter them dramatically, we urge you to rapidly consider landmark designation of 326 and 328 East 4th Street. Thank you for your attention to this matter of community concern.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Squadron
New York State Senate

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Brian Kavanagh
New York State Assembly