

Statement of the Queer History Alliance

July 30, 2012

Honorable Robert B. Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) of the City of New York
1 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

RE: 186 Spring Street, South Village

Dear Chairman Tierney and Commissioners:

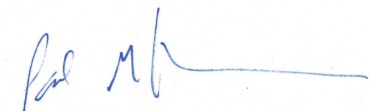
On behalf of the Queer History Alliance (QHA), an LGBT historic preservation interest group with several hundred members, we urge you to protect 186 Spring Street from demolition. The mission of QHA is to advocate for the recognition and preservation of sites of historic and cultural importance to LGBT history and the celebration of our rich history.

A number of important gay liberation figures and activists have resided at 186 Spring Street and their contributions to the gay rights movement and AIDS activism are enormous cultural milestones. Among them are the following:

- Jim Owles, founding president of the Gay Activists Alliance
- Dr. Bruce Voeller, co-founder of the National Gay Task Force and one-time president of the Gay Activists Alliance
- Arnie Kantrowitz, secretary and vice-president of the Gay Activists Alliance

Critical pieces of LGBT history can be linked to this building and so we therefore urge you to protect this significant heritage and the cultural history that it represents.

Sincerely,



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Queer History Alliance



Christopher Tepper
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