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Andrew Berman Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation 232 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10003

Re: 69 Gansevoort Street, Gansevoort Market Historic District

Dear Andrew:

I am writing in response to your September 12<sup>th</sup> letter to Chair Srinivasan regarding the approval of alterations at 69 Gansevoort Street and the noncompliant nature of the work once it was undertaken.

As you know, the Landmarks Law authorizes staff review of proposals that meet certain clearly articulated criteria. The work proposed for 69 Gansevoort Street met those criteria so a staff level permit was issued. Commission staff members who review applications work closely with their supervisors to insure that proposals meet the criteria for staff level permits and are consistent with the Commission's mandate.

I share your concerns regarding the noncompliant storefront work. A site visit was made by a member of the Commission's enforcement staff and a warning letter was issued on September 13<sup>th</sup> for work that is noncompliant with the permit. The project's architect has assured enforcement staff that corrective work will be undertaken to bring the storefront into compliance.

Please contact me or Lauren George, the Commission's Director of Intergovernmental and Community Relations, if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of landmarks.

Yours truly,

John Weiss Deputy Counsel

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