



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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September 17, 2021

Andrew Berman
Executive Director
Village Preservation
232 East 11th Street,
New York, NY 10003

RE: Proposed South of Union Square Historic District
State and National Registers Application
New York County, NY

Dear Mr. Berman:

Thank you for your interest in seeking State and National Registers listing for the proposed South of Union Square Historic District. Anthony Robin's report *Finishing the Job: The Unprotected Architecture and History of Greenwich Village and East Village below Union Square* (2019), and letters to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission from Village Preservation with additional significant information on the area are quite thorough. The arguments presented for the cultural, historical and architectural significance of the proposed district are compelling.

Based on my site visit with my supervisor Kathy Howe, the documentation provided, and further in-house review, it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office that that proposed South of Union Square Historic District appears to meet the criteria for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. The Resource Evaluation and district map showing the boundaries are enclosed with this letter.

If you are interested in pursuing listing at this time, I heartily encourage you to proceed with the completion of a National Register nomination. I have enclosed the sponsor packet for historic districts. It outlines the role and responsibilities of the project sponsor and SHPO quite succinctly.

As always, we encourage you to seek the support of community groups and property owners. As you know, a district cannot be listed on the National Register if the majority of the owners object to listing so it is important to work with the owners early in the process to explain the benefits of listing. The project sponsor, Village Preservation, will need to schedule a public informational meeting - about one month prior to the State Review Board meeting - so SHPO staff can explain what listing means to the property owners and answer questions. We also encourage project sponsors to hold a community meeting early in the process without SHPO to gauge owner support.

Please give me a call at 518-268-2148 or email me at linda.mackey@parks.ny.gov so we can further discuss the National Register process and the schedule. I look forward to working with you on the South of Union Square Historic District. I will be responsible for continuing to assist you in developing

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the nomination, presenting the proposal to the Review Board, and processing the final submission to the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Mackey". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light-colored background.

Linda Mackey
Historic Preservation Program Analyst

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