

Asking the LPC to Deny the St. Luke's Tower

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On February 4, Assembly Member Deborah Glick, Council Member Corey Johnson and I submitted testimony to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission in opposition to the application submitted by the Church of St. Luke in the Fields ("St. Luke's") to construct a new building at 100 Barrow Street. While St. Luke's has been an important part of the Village community for many years, we share Community Board 2's belief that the proposed tower is not contextually appropriate for construction within the Greenwich Village Historic District. Specifically, the heavy use of glass covering the midsection of the structure represents an architectural design which is incongruous with the rest of the neighborhood, and its height is imposing relative to the rest of the district. Please see our testimony below.