

Support for a Contextual Rezoning in the South Village

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On March 20, Senator Daniel Squadron and I wrote to City Planning Commission (CPC) Chair Carl Weisbrod to urge the CPC to consider a contextual rezoning proposal for the South Village, which was recently presented by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and supported by CB2. The current zoning in the area roughly bounded by West 4th Street/Washington Square South to the North, Thompson Street/LaGuardia Place to the East, Canal Street to the South and Avenue of the America to the West, was established in 1961, when New York was a very different city. The proposed rezoning would help ensure that future development in the area is in line with the current needs of the community and would eliminate an often exploited bonus for developers who include "community facilities" in their projects. Please see our letter below.