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September 4, 2014

Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

I am writing in reference to the South Village Historic District (SVHD), and to urge you to schedule a hearing regarding landmark designation of Phase III of this district. As you know, in December 2013, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) approved landmark designation of Phase II of the SVHD, however it has taken no action on the proposed Phase III, which would extend the district southward to Watts Street. This final portion of the SVHD and the historic buildings contained within it are exceptionally vulnerable given development pressure from all neighboring areas, which was only exacerbated by the 2013 rezoning of Hudson Square.

Within the past year, both the State and National Registers of Historic Places recognized the importance of this area and listed the entire SVHD, as proposed in a 2006 report by Andrew S. Dolkart. I encourage LPC to act now to designate the proposed district's remaining, unprotected portion to forestall the destruction of its architecturally significant buildings which reflect the succession of distinct constituencies that settled there.

Thank you for considering my request, and for your commitment to protecting New York City's historic assets. Should you have any questions or to follow up, please contact me at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Hoylman".

Brad Hoylman
New York State Senator
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cc: Andrew Berman, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

