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Carl Weisbrod, Director
Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street, 5th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Re: University Place and Broadway Contextual Zoning Proposal with Inclusionary Housing

Dear Mr. Weisbrod:

We write to voice our support for the above mentioned proposal. The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP) and Council Woman Mendez developed this proposal in close consultation with local stakeholders and with the support of our offices. This proposal involved meetings with the public in December of 2014, an online survey, and public hearings before Community Board 2, which subsequently voted in support of the proposal by GVSHP.

We believe that this proposal represents a unique opportunity to advance the Mayor's priorities while at the same time working to ensure the measured growth of one of Manhattan's historic communities. Out of context development continues to threaten all neighborhoods, and we are seeing one such example along University Place today. With GVSHP's proposed changes from the existing C1-7, C6-1, and R7-2 to a C1-7, C4-4A, and an R7-A with inclusionary housing bonus, we believe that this could accomplish a significant step forward towards the goals set in Housing NYC as well as those in the Zoning for Quality and Affordability. We believe that GVSHP's proposal is sound and allows for growth and the creation of affordable units where there were no such provisions before.

We believe this proposal has merit. The Councilwoman has communicated such to representatives of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development, and the Manhattan Borough Commissioner of the Department of City Planning. We would like to request a meeting with you and your staff to discuss how to move this

proposal forward together. We look forward to working with the Department on this proposal as well as your support as this plan moves ahead.

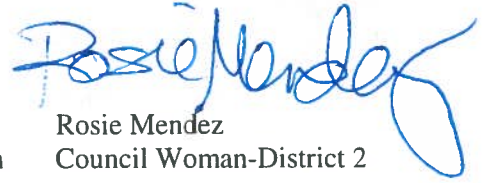
Sincerely,



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