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Hon. Amanda Burden
Director, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Change to C6-1 Zoning District in the Far West Village

Dear Director Burden:

As the West Village community groups who have been working to see the zoning for the 6-block C6-1 zone in the Far West Village changed to a C1-6A zone, we are pleased that the Department has determined that a rezoning is warranted and that a C6-1A district is appropriate. We are concerned, however, that the Department has not yet produced an actual plan for the zoning change or begun the public review process in any way. As we have been calling for this change for almost two years, and as each additional day without the zoning change is another day a project can become vested under the current outdated and inappropriate zoning, we continue to strongly urge the Department to move ahead with the promised rezoning as soon as possible.

We urge that the Department make a public presentation of the rezoning plan at Community Board #2 no later than February. We understand the Department sees this as the first step in the public review process for such a change.

With at least a dozen potential development sites and two projects already currently in motion, time is of the essence. The proposed new zoning appropriately reflects and protects the character of the Far West Village. While we appreciate that the Department has agreed in theory to make such a change, it is essential that the new zoning be implemented quickly so as to prevent further inappropriate development in this neighborhood.

We have worked hard over the last two years to make this zoning change a reality, garnering support from residents, property owners, the local community board, and all local elected officials. We now need your agency to take the next step that will move this change forward. Thank you for your attention to this urgent request.

Sincerely,

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