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December 2, 2014

**Re: LPC decision to de-calendar buildings calendared for individual landmark designation prior to 2010**

Dear Chair Srinivasan and Commissioners:

I am writing to request that this Commission reconsider its plan to de-calendar all buildings which have been calendared for landmark designation prior to 2010 with no action by this Commission. Further, I am deeply troubled that this decision has been made with little notice to the public and without the opportunity for public commentary.

On Thanksgiving Day, I received an email from Andrew Berman, Executive Director of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, informing me of the vote by this Commission to take place on December 9, 2014. Four of the sites to be de-calendared fall within Manhattan City Council District 2, the district that I represent. These sites include the original James McCreery & Co. store located at 801 Broadway, President Chester A. Arthur House located at 123 Lexington Avenue, 138 Second Avenue House, and Union Square Park.

In addition to the sites within my Council district, all of the sites slated to be removed from consideration for landmark status will be done without this Commission considering the merits of each site. I believe that this clear sweep, without any public input, contradicts the transparency established by the current administration.

I therefore echo the sentiment conveyed in the letter sent to you by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and ask that this Commission reconsider taking this disheartening step. At the very least, I ask that if the Commission does move forward with this plan, the vote be delayed until a hearing is held that will allow the public to comment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosie Mendez".

Rosie Mendez, Councilwoman District 2