

Greenwich Village Block Associations

20 Bank Street, New York, NY 10014

Bedford, Barrow & Commerce
Bedford Downing
Bleecker Area Merchants & Residents
Carmine Street
Central Village
(Cornelia, Barrow, Jones)
Charles Street
Charlton Street
Christopher Street Block & Merchants
Christopher Street East
East 10th Street
East 11th Street
East 12th/13th Street
Far West Bank Street
Far West 10th Street
Grove Street
Horatio Street
Jane Street
MacDougal Alley Assoc.
MacDougal Street North
Minetta
Morton Street
Mulry Angle/W. 11th Street
Perry Street
St. Luke's
Upper West 13th Street
Washington Place
Washington Sq/
Lower 5th Ave
Waverly
Waverly-Bank 11 Neighbors
West Houston Street
West 8th Street
West 9th Street
West 10th Street
West 13th Street - 100 Block

February 6, 2007
Honorable Robert Tierney, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: In Support of Proposed South Village Historic District in Manhattan

Dear Chair Tierney:

The Greenwich Village Block Associations is a community wide coalition of neighborhood organizations dedicated to preserving and improving the quality of life for residents of our historic neighborhood. Some of our members include blocks in the proposed South Village Historic District. The GVBA strongly supports the creation of such a district and urges you to move quickly on its designation.

We favor creation of the district because of the area's unique architectural heritage and historic importance. Many of its streets have remained virtually unchanged for more than a century, preserving a rich slice of the city's history. The district contains many important 19th century buildings and helps document the story of the Italian, Portuguese and other immigrant groups who have made our city great. From its role as a center of immigrant life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the district evolved into a center of American culture and counterculture after World War II.

In recent years, several important buildings in the district have been lost and more are likely to be razed without action by the city. We urge the Commission to preserve this remarkable neighborhood by establishing the South Village Historic District. Historic district designation would protect the neighborhood from inappropriate demolition and construction while allowing it to continue to grow and change as necessary. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Dorato
Secretary and Presiding Officer