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Via U.S. Mail

December 20, 2007

Robert B. Tierney
Chairman
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney:

I am writing to ask you to calendar a hearing for the proposed expansion of Manhattan's Upper East Side Historic District.

As you know, there is a movement to expand this district to celebrate the distinct architecture of Lexington Avenue and its beautiful side streets. Today, much of Lexington Avenue is not included in the existing historic district. By expanding the Upper East Side Historic District to include Lexington Avenue between 60th Street and 65th Streets and 72nd Street and 75th Streets, a number of prominently displayed landmarks – such as the former Barbizon Hotel, the Provident Loan Society of New York, and the Parge House – would be included in the district, where they belong.

The bustling commercial storefronts along Lexington Avenue truly unite the residential areas contributing to the neighborhood's appeal, and a distinct sense of place. Indeed, expansion of this district will preserve the architectural and historical character of the area.

As the local Council Member representing the affected area, let me offer my complete support to including these additional blocks in the Historic District. I look forward to offering testimony to that effect before the Landmarks Commission, and approving this expansion when it comes to the City Council.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Garodnick".

Daniel R. Garodnick