



November 2, 2015

The Honorable Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Commission  
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor North  
New York NY 10007

Dear Chair Srinivasan,

As elected officials representing the Gansevoort Market Historic District, we are writing to urge the Landmarks Preservation to reject the proposed redevelopment of 46-74 Gansevoort Street. As currently proposed, this project would transform a historic block that embodies the character of the Gansevoort Market District into a shadowed block of out-of-scale buildings. Such a development would be inconsistent with this neighborhood's designation as a historic district, which was enacted just twelve years ago.

Residents, preservationists and elected officials fought hard for the creation of the Gansevoort Market Historic District in 2003. The Landmarks Preservation Commission granted this status largely because of the unique, low-rise buildings that have characterized this neighborhood for many years.

While we recognize that this neighborhood has changed and evolved over time, we do not believe that this proposal reflects the architectural and contextual qualities that are referenced so frequently throughout the LPC's 2003 designation report. In particular, we are troubled by the significant building height increases proposed by this plan.

We are not alone in our disapproval. Manhattan Community Board 2 unanimously approved a resolution to recommend denial of this application. At its Landmarks Committee meeting on October 15, 2015, hundreds of community members attended to voice their strong opposition to the proposal. These are individuals who care deeply about maintaining the historic integrity of their neighborhood and wish to preserve the distinct qualities that make Gansevoort Street a unique and historic destination. They believe,

rightly so, that this development is in conflict with the historic, low-rise character that spurred its landmark designation in the first place.

Other points of concern include the fact that this proposal calls for the demolition of the existing structures, rather than their adaptive reuse, and the fact that the Landmarks Preservation Commission is simultaneously considering multiple structures and multiple tax lots at one time.

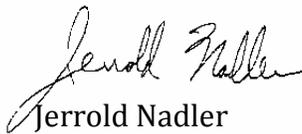
For these reasons, among others, we urge you to reject the proposed redevelopment of 46-74 Gansevoort Street.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact our offices to discuss this important decision further.

Sincerely,



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Council Member



Jerrold Nadler  
Member of Congress



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Manhattan Borough President



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New York State Senator



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