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Hon. Robert B. Tierney  
Chair  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
One Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: General Theological Seminary 440 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

Dear Chair Tierney,

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing about the application by Lisa Easton of Easton Architects LLP for approval of proposed work at 440 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street – The General Theological Seminary.

The work is to provide handicapped access in the form of a ramp at the main entrance of the Seminary grounds, now located at the north side of the campus.

The Board recommends approval of this work with the following comments:

The ramp replaces a bulky exterior elevator tower of approximately twenty feet in height, a definite improvement over existing conditions.

The board regrets the choice of concrete pavement for the walkways since much of the pathways within the Close are still of bluestone. However, since the paving adjacent to the new walkway in both directions is concrete it will not be unsuitable to complete the new sections to match.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson  
Chair

Pamela Wolff  
Chair, Landmarks Committee

cc: Lisa Easton, Easton Architects LLP  
NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn