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**STATEMENT FROM LPC AND DOB ON PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF 9 LANDMARK
BUILDINGS IN THE GANSEVOORT MARKET HISTORIC DISTRICT**

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) and the Department of Buildings (DOB) released the following statement on the partial demolition of the facades of 9 landmark buildings at 44-54 Ninth Avenue/351 West 14th Street in the Gansevoort Market Historic District:

“The City must act quickly to keep the public safe when emergencies occur. These historic buildings were being restored and renovated when structural engineers discovered and reported dangerous pre-existing conditions. Many of the structural failures, which predated the recent work at the site, were hidden by interior nonstructural walls and surface finishes. DOB engineers confirmed dangerous conditions with a potential collapse imminent and ordered immediate corrective actions to protect the public and workers at the site, including deconstructing the street facades by hand.

DOB, LPC and the building owners have been in constant communication throughout the process and will continue to work together to ensure the buildings are stabilized and rebuilt. All future work will require review by LPC, and the building owners have agreed to salvage the bricks from the street facades and reconstruct the historic buildings to the extent possible.”

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