

March 23, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Amanda Burden

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Chair, NYC Department of City Planning

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 720-8218

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to **REJECT** NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

I am a member of the Mercer-Houston Dog Run Association and downtown resident. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, over-saturating neighborhoods which are already permeated with NYU facilities.

The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, up-zoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and **REJECT NYU's bid** to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

SELMA ABRAMOWITZ

JERRY ABRAMOWITZ

680 BROADWAY NY NY 10012

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742532845 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 5:34:23 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742532845

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/16/2012 17:32:49
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: Ronald.Abramson@bicp.com (Ronald Abramson)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Ronald Abramson (Ronald.Abramson@bicp.com) on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 17:32:48

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments

Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Mr.

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name: D

Last Name: Abramson

Company: NYU Board of Trustees

Street Address: 1700 K Street NW 300

City: Washington

State: DC

Postal Code: 20006

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 202-452-7970

Email Address: Ronald.Abramson@bicp.com

Message: I write to express my strong support for NYUs plan to create academic space near its Washington Square core.NYU is an internationally recognized research university; it draws talented scholars and students from around the world to New York, where they add to the citys vibrancy, diversity, and innovation economy. NYU is also one of New Yorks largest employers -- a source of exactly the kind of good jobs that New York s economy needs. New academic space is crucial for the University to continue to achieve excellence in education and research. NYU 2031 strikes a thoughtful balance by providing the University with the space it will need over the next two decades while also addressing the concerns of its neighbors.Strong universities are important for strong, thriving cities. I urge you to support NYUs plans as they proceed through the ULURP process.Sincerely,Ronald Abramson

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-731198571 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:50:34 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 1:57 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-731198571 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-731198571

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Sent: 03/01/2012 13:55:31
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: abrash.barbara@gmail.com (Barbara Abrash)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Barbara Abrash (abrash.barbara@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 13:55:31

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Barbara
Last Name: Abrash
Street Address: 67 East 11th St
Address Number: 418
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212260.0973
Email Address: abrash.barbara@gmail.com

Message: I urge you to deny NYUs expansion plan, which will have a massive and entirely negative impact on our thriving neighborhood. The Financial District is an appropriate and welcoming alternative. Thank you for your attention to thiscritical situation.

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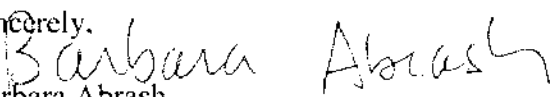
Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: [click here](#)

Dear Chair Burden:

I am writing to urge you to hold a public hearing before you issue recommendations on NYU's massive Village expansion plan, which would have a tremendously negative impact upon the entire Village and surrounding neighborhoods. It is worth while considering, for example, the Financial District as a more appropriate alternative. As a longtime resident and NYU staff member, I am joining the thousands of people who have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan.

I believe it would be helpful to hear directly from people about about this proposal. Regardless, I urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan

Sincerely,


Barbara Abrash
67 East 11th Street, Apt. 418
New York, N.Y. 10003

Testimony of Soranly Adames, General Manager, Brads Coffee House

Before the New York Planning Commission for the NYU Core and NYU 2031: NYU in NYC

April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioner:

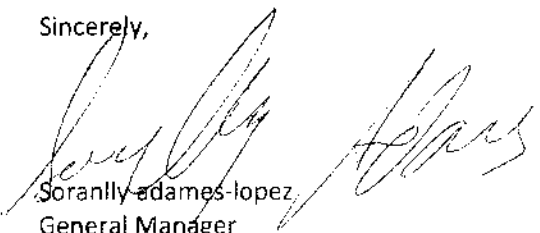
I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I have operated a local business, brads coffee house, in Greenwich Village since 2010.

NYU's students, faculty and staff have been loyal customers of my business since we opened, and I believe my establishment will benefit from the University's 2031 expansion plan. NYU contributes tremendously to the economy and energy of Greenwich Village, and I believe this plan will improve the vitality of the area.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Sincerely,



Soranly adames-lopez,
General Manager
Brads coffee house
10 waverly PL
New York, NY 10003

January 4, 2012

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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,



Philip Agee

250 Mercer St. B205 NY NY 10012

January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Dr. Eileen D. Quinn
28 East 10th

NYC 10003

Volare Restaurant

147 West 4th Street
New York, NY 10012

Testimony of Sal Alaburic Owner, Volare Restaurant

Before the New York Planning Commission for the NYU Core and NYU 2031: NYU in NYC

April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners:

On behalf of Volare restaurant I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I have owned and operated Volare in Greenwich Village since 1977.

NYU's students, faculty and staff have been loyal customers of Volare for 35 years, and I believe my restaurant will benefit from the University's 2031 expansion plan. NYU contributes tremendously to the economy, energy and special nature of Greenwich Village and I believe this plan will only improve the vitality of the area.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Sincerely,

Sal Alaburic
Owner
Volare
147 West 4th Street
New York, NY. 10012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sal Alaburic", written in a cursive style.

NYU 2031 Testimony

Amanda Alampi, ava223@nyu.edu
NYU Wagner, MPA Candidate
NYU, BA in Journalism, c/o 2011

My name is Amanda Alampi. I am a masters candidate at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at NYU and also an alumna of NYU. I received my bachelors in journalism and history in 2011. I am currently studying public and nonprofit management and policy.

I've been at this university for the last five years now and NYU has changed a great deal since I first stepped foot on campus. More importantly, I've changed a lot because of NYU. Our university prides itself in being a private university in the public interest.

I really didn't understand what that meant until I spent a year working at the Islamic Center at NYU. It was 2009 in the midst of the economic crisis and I couldn't find a job so I bargained with Imam Khalid Latif, who also serves as the NYPD's muslim chaplain, for an opportunity to work as his public relations assistant.

I had the chance to see how a university's faith house served not only students, faculty and staff but Greenwich Village's Muslim community too. Students prayed next to cab drivers and restaurant owners and New York's finest. When the Imam has events, meetings or media appearances, he isn't just serving NYU, he is serving New York City. Since NYU is so interwoven into the fabric of this City, that's just how everyday business operates at our university. We don't think twice about it.

And NYU has provided me with a number of opportunities to serve this City. I've had the chance to work in not only the New York City government with Comptroller Liu but up at Turtle Bay at the United Nations. I also serve this City as a journalist. All thanks to NYU.

But in order for NYU to continue to produce public servants, innovators and entrepreneurs that will serve and *enhance* this City, we ask that you help us because NYU is busting at the seams. Our Islamic Center at NYU, up until a few weeks ago, was housed in the basement of St. Joseph's Church. Every time students wanted to pray, we had to roll out rugs hidden away in closets and corners because the basement also functions as a soup kitchen and a special events space for the church.

Our classrooms are filled to the brim too. I remember classes during my academic career where there weren't enough desks for the students enrolled in the class. The last few years, our residence halls have been filled to capacity, one semester even overflowing into a hotel in midtown. because we have so many students living on campus.

Not having a large enough classroom or an appropriate dorm room *or a proper place to pray*, greatly impacts the quality of education. Sure, NYU students are New Yorkers. We are tough as nails because we dodge cabs on the way to class! But that doesn't mean we aren't entitled to expanding our campus in order to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

If you support NYU 2031, you are giving students, like me, an opportunity to give back to this City, the same way NYU has been doing for years. Thank you for your time.

From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739798785 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2012 12:24:25 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-739798785

DATE RECEIVED: 04/05/2012 00:23:10

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: pringraphics@gmail.com (Prinny Alavi)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Prinny Alavi (pringraphics@gmail.com) on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 00:22:15

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Compliment
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Prinny
Last Name: Alavi
Street Address: 180 Thompson St
Address Number: 5E
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: pringraphics@gmail.com

Message: Save our village!!!! Greenwich Village richness of the arts and theater is being destroyed. NYU students come and go. But we the residents live here. The Village is a tourist attraction not a school campus, one big collage dorm filled with bars. NYU drives the rents up. NYU does not need to expand and put more students into debt. SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Thank you very much for your time.

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-743358626 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012 5:40:25 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-743358626

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Sent: 04/19/2012 17:38:09
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: Greg@nyu.edu (Greg Albanis)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Greg
Last Name: Albanis
Company: New York University
Street Address: 63 west 17 street
Address Number: 3a
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-255-2615
Email Address: Greg@nyu.edu
Message: I support NYU 2031 plan. It deserves the city endorsement. I lived in the Village for 17 years

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Testimony of Gregory Albanis
Senior Director University Events
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon.

My name is Greg Albanis and I enthusiastically endorse the NYU 2031 plan. I speak to you today wearing a number of hats.

- I serve as Senior Director of University Events at the Washington Square Campus. This year marks my 31st year of service
- I came to Washington Square in 1970 and attended the College of Arts and Science and never left.
- The Albanis/Papalexis family counts 16 NYU degrees. My parents and all my aunts and uncles met at the Square.
- I lived on Bleecker Street for 15 years and a total of 17 years in the village.

My story is not unlike the thousands of NYU alumni who came to Washington Square from all over the US and the world.

I have fond memories of my undergraduate and graduate days at the Square. I choose not to remember however the long elevator lines in old buildings, eating lunches in the hallways due to lack of lounge space and never being able to secure meeting space for clubs and events.

I know firsthand because I spent 15 years working in admissions at NYU. New York City is the business and cultural capital of the world because it is constantly being fed with new talent. They come to study here and stay here, nurturing our neighborhood and diversifying our economy.

I have been privileged to be at NYU during its amazing trajectory these past 30 years. NYU can't continue without being able to grow at its core.

NYU has been an integral member of the village community for close to 200 years and a lifeline to the NYC economy. In order to remain competitive and be on the cutting edge of knowledge, it desperately needs more space to fulfill its mission. NYU¹ deserves the endorsement of its 2031 plan.

So I stand here before you an employee of NYU, an alumnus, a resident of the village and a proud New Yorker, asking you to endorse this plan for the village, for New York and for thousands of alumni like me in New York and around the world.

THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS
Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
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The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong. NYU was given this formerly-public land with the explicit condition that the open space not be built upon and that academic and commercial uses would not be allowed. Now they are seeking to overturn those agreements.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District or Downtown Brooklyn are considerably greater, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met. Twenty years of construction in the middle of a residential neighborhood would have an unbelievably damaging effect, while commercial areas like those mentioned could much more easily bear such impacts.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely, *Patricia Albin* (PATRICIA ALBIN)
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS 505 La Guardia Place
(WSS E)

Leslye Alexander
2 Washington Square Village
NY, NY 10012

JANUARY 10, 2012

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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This is just bad city planning. NYU's huge self serving real estate scam obstructs light, air, public space, trees, gardens, community, will reek havoc for pedestrian traffic, subway entrances, and vehicular traffic on streets and communities that were not designed for midtown high density zoning. NYU is seeking to lift zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, up zoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong and CORRUPT.

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May 2, 2012

Hon. Anaeida Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Rector Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

Dear Chair Burden:

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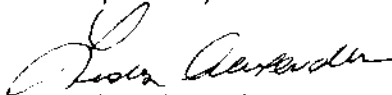
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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730403230 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:48:32 PM

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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 4:22 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730403230 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: paolo.alippi@gmail.com (Paolo Alippi)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Paolo Alippi (paolo.alippi@gmail.com) on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 16:20:51

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Paolo
Last Name: Alippi
Street Address: 184 Thompson Street
Address Number: 4T
City: Manhattan
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: paolo.alippi@gmail.com

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740024713 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2012 5:00:10 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740024713

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January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
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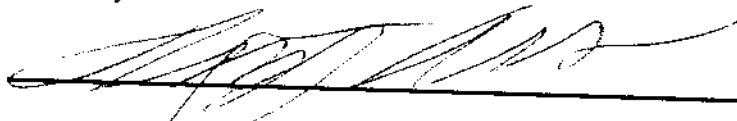
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TIMOTHY ALLEN - RESIDENT & VOTER

81 GRAND ST. NY 10013

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OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS

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As someone who has received an M.A. and a Ph.D. from NYU, and was brought here as an adjunct professor, and also as a taxpayer of NYC, I request that you hold NYU to its previous agreement and vote NO on this massive expansion plan.

Sincerely,

Elaine Altman

3 Sheldon Sq. Apt 10A
NYC 10014

Hon. Amanda Burden
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The Garden is an oasis not only for the gardeners who volunteer there year round, but for the community and visitors who enjoy it's beauty. We offer free concerts, children's programs, gardening advice, composting, and especially peace and tranquility to those relish in it. We have increased our hours to the public so we are open every Saturday and Sunday daytime, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the spring through the fall. Please vote no so our garden does not become a staging area for construction equipment and forever shadowed in the darkness. Thank you for your time and consideration to protect the character of our neighborhood and reject NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Alutto". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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NYU started out as a commuter school and have over grown their stay in Greenwich Village. They are slowly creeping up Fifth Avenue with the purchase of the Forbes Building and the building on 12th Street that housed Women's Wear Daily. They now have a dorm building on my street and their growth in Greenwich Village should be stopped

Sincerely,

Ann Amato

25 West 13 St

New York, NY 10011

Tel:

212-980-1100

2/29/12

February 29, 2012

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Juanita Ambrose, Ph.D

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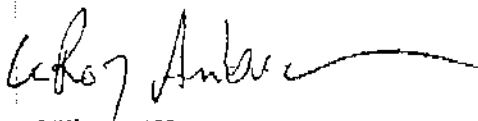
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Andrew Amer,
President

200 Mercer St. Apt. Corporation - Coop across from propose
212-455-2953 zipper building

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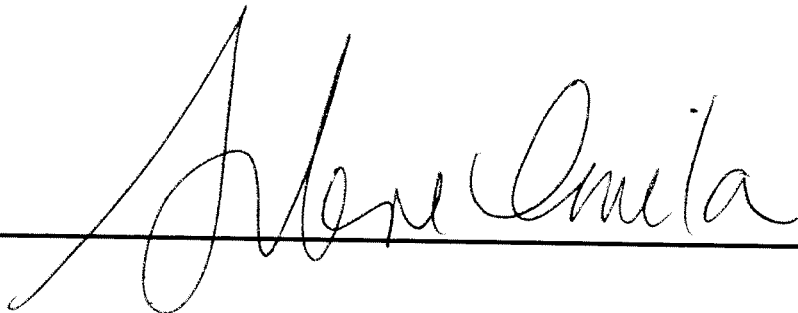
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OFFICE OF THE
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552 La Guardia Place # 9
New York, New York 10012
April 23, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Chairwoman Burden,

I am writing to express my extreme concern about the proposed NYU 2031 Plan.

Studying in nearby New Jersey in the fifties, I regularly visited New York for some of most memorable moments of my life, the Bohemian spirit and history of the Village, the Circle in the Square productions of Eugene O'Neill's plays, as well as many other, off, off Broadway shows, the joie de vivre atmosphere that permeated Greenwich Village. I was determined to return one day, and, thus, when I moved to New York in 1997 to become Executive Director of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, I migrated quickly from an apartment on Central Park South to the Village, hoping to find the free, open spirit still alive. I regretted that NYU had already encroached on the small town Village, although their large building blocks were softened by gardens and trees, but found that much of the Village was still that same small town that I had so loved fifty years ago. Still, I suffered through building by NYU for most of the twelve years I have lived here next door to a construction site. I lost my view of the Empire State building, fought the frequent invasions of mice and noise, but in two directions I could still enjoy the beloved grass, gardens, trees, and sky.

Now, prospectively, when I look out my windows on two sides for the next twenty years, the rest of my life, I will be looking at a vast construction site, with giant machines destroying the gardens, excavating the trees, and eventually blocking my skies. In twenty years, I can only look forward to a massive intrusion of high rise buildings obliterating the face of nature before my eyes.

The entire village will not suffer quite so directly as much as those of us on the edge of the destruction, but perhaps more importantly, the historic spirit of Greenwich Village, the intimacy, the Bohemian spirit which draws America's youths and the youth from around the world to the revolutionary spirit of Greenwich Village will slowly erode.

The goals of Corporate NYU are laid bare by the nature of this proposal. Their goal is not education, given the lie by building hotels, degrading the environment, and striking at the soul of an American icon.

Please deny them their avaricious goals, ask them to go elsewhere where they would be welcome, and let Greenwich Village live as an historic, intimate town, with its special spirit and historic legacies.

With respect and hope that you will end this proposed devastation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Desaix Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Desaix Anderson
Greenwich Village citizen

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

MAY 9 - 2012

10 Downing St #211

NY NY 10014

May 6, 2012

Hon. Chairman Board,

24940

Chair, NYC Dept. of City Planning
22 Rector Street
NY, NY 10007

Dear Chair Board,

I strongly urge you to vote 'NO' to NYU's proposed expansion plans. I have been to several hearings and meetings on this matter held by both NYU and community organizations.

I have heard no really good reason for the expansion to go forward, the financial burden would likely be enormous to the school, many faculty and students object to it, the idea that jobs would be produced is likely to prove false.

These plans seem more to be those of a large real estate entity than an educational one. If they are so desperate in need of space why don't they go to lower Manhattan where they have been invited to go for their expansion. If they can go to Dumbo, they can certainly secure development some blocks south.

Sincerely,
Richard Anderson

I would have expected this kind of...
...with workers.

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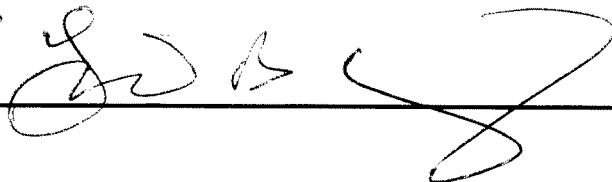
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Stuart Anthony

201 West 16th St. #10B, NYC 10011

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Roszire Poppel

OUR community will not survive this expansion.

OUR community has diversity, NYU is a single entity, we permanent

Residents are valuable for the stability of a neighborhood,
Students are transients. Please do not let our neighborhood
be destroyed.

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728548645 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:03:20 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2012 2:28 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728548645 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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Sent: 02/19/2012 14:26:16

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Subject: < No Subject >

From: rappelx@yahoo.com ()
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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(rappelx@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 14:26:16

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: No
State: NY
Country: United States
Email Address: rappelx@yahoo.com

Message: NYU is speculating that for the next 30 years and beyond the higher education system will remain unchanged and all this new building will be necessary to accommodate more students. But there is evidence that the educational system is already changing, the internet is being used as a classroom substitute. Realistically no one knows what the education system or the world for that matter will be like in thirty years. Please stand up for our community, which needs your protection, and reject the expansion. NYU does not need protection, it has the ability to look elsewhere for its expansion.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728548628 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:03:09 PM

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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728548628 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-728548628

DATE RECEIVED: 02/19/2012 14:24:44

DATE DUE: 03/04/2012 14:25:20

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RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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Sent: 02/19/2012 14:24:08

To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: rappelx@yahoo.com (Rosaire Appel)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Rosaire Appel (rappelx@yahoo.com) on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 14:24:08

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Rosaire
Last Name: Appel
Company: Press Rappel
Street Address: 534 La Guardia Place
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: rappelx@yahoo.com

Message: New York could be envied in the future for its neighborhoods long-standing, diverse, human-scale residential areas. They are disappearing from cities all over the world as development takes over. Neighborhoods are an asset that need protection against well-endowed, powerful entities such as NYU. Our passive green space is a rare asset in this city and should not be relinquished at the whim of a single institution. Our streets are already jammed on weekends with cars and students. Students are not docile bookworms, they are youths given to loud music and alcoholic excess. Being transient, they have no investment in our neighborhood, in fact they seem oblivious to everyone but themselves. The diversity of age groups and occupations within our community is what keeps it viable. A great influx of students would disrupt this already stressed balance. We do not want to live on a campus. Please reject the NYU expansion plan.

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March , 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden

Chair, NYC Department of City Planning

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 720-3219

Dear Chair Burden:

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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Sincerely,

EMILY ADAM TAYLOR
193 LICHARD ST #411
NY NY 10002

THOMAS P O'NEILL
NY NY

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January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

City Councilmember Margaret Chin
165 Park Row, Suite 11
New York, NY 10038

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To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727539103 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:53:25 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 11:25 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727539103 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727539103

DATE RECEIVED: 02/14/2012 23:23:40

DATE DUE: 02/28/2012 23:25:04

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RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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From: bayvu15@verizon.net (JoAnn Atwood)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: JoAnn
Last Name: Atwood
Street Address: 11 East 7th St 4W
Address Number: 11 East 7th St 4W
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-353-8886
Extension: NY
Email Address: bayvu15@verizon.net

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February 2, 2012

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Sincerely,

Barbara Uebey

382 Central Park West #14N

NY NY 10025

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Margaret Culotta

241 6th Ave NY NY 10014

STYRA AVINS
197 West Houston Street
New York, N.Y. 10014
savins@att.net

February 28, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
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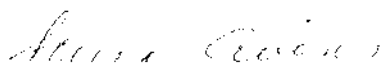
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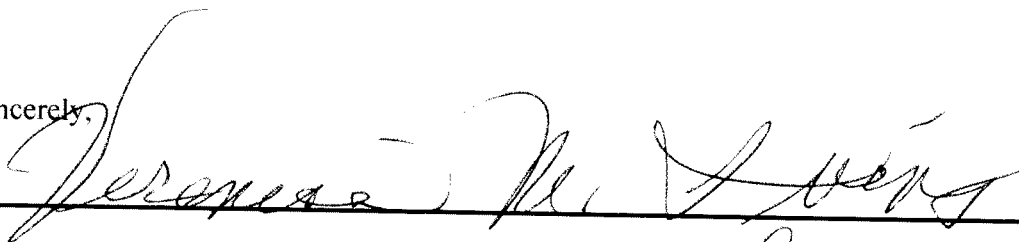
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Thank you for your consistent leadership and your personal efforts to defeat this "plan."

Sincerely,

John M. Bacon

JOHN M. BACON

3 SHAWAN SQ, #4C

NY, NY 10014

GVSNP board member and supporter

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KEEP OUR OPEN SPACES

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88 BLEECKER ST

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730402481 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:48:17 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:33 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730402481 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: howardb@nyc.rr.com (Howard Bader)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Howard Bader (howardb@nyc.rr.com) on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 15:30:58

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Howard
Last Name: Bader
Street Address: 88 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 4F
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: howardb@nyc.rr.com

Message: Ms. Burden, please Vote NO! on NYUs Expansion plan. This will have a negative impact on our neighborhood. To even consider giving open park land over to development is a disgrace. As our representative in the city I feel this is the honorable thing to do. Besides being a resident I am a business owner in the city. Thank you. Howard Bader
88 Bleecker Street, Apt. 4F
New York, NY 10012
Tel (212) 477-8941
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March , 2012

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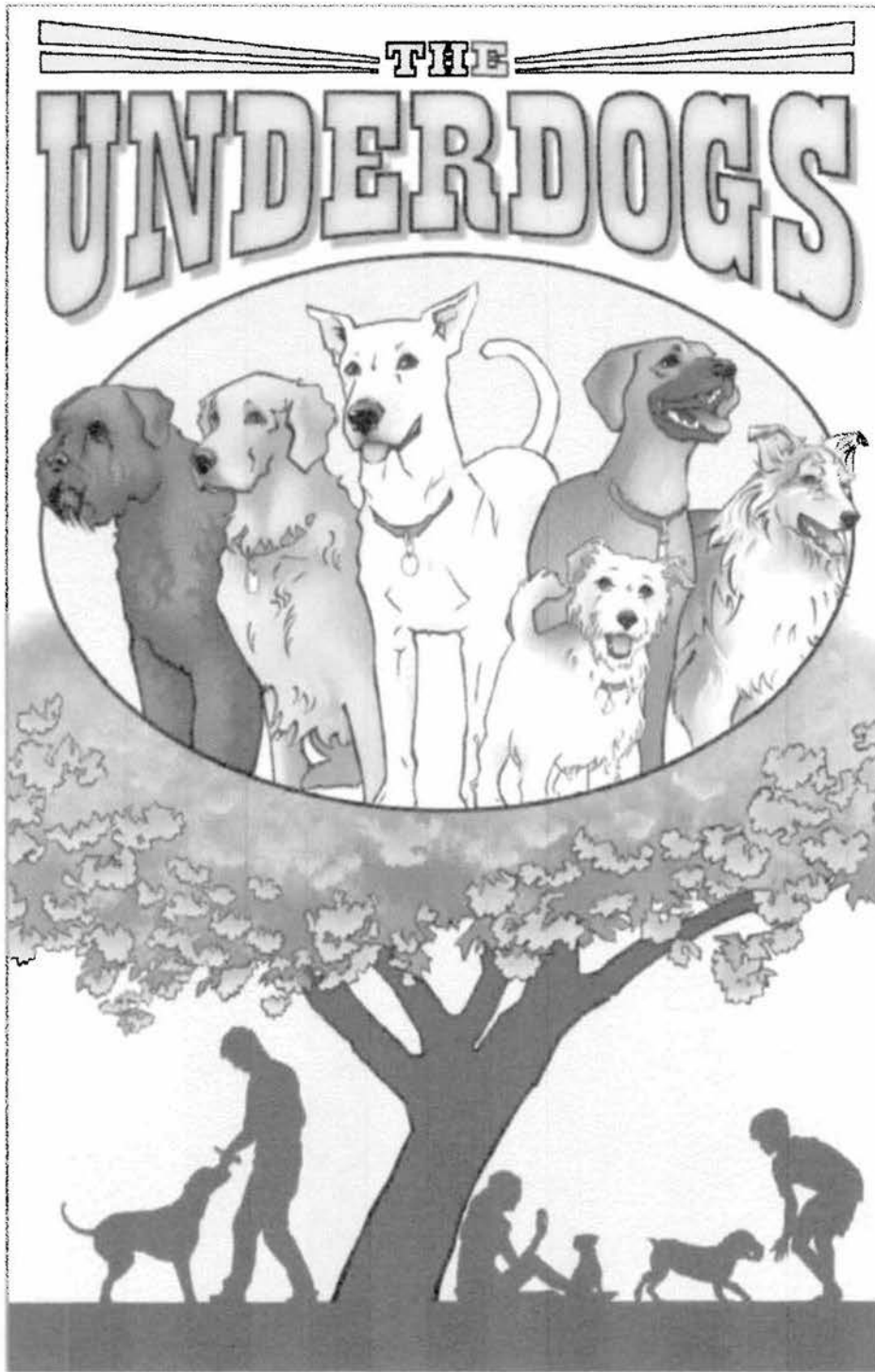
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SUPPORT THE UNDERDOGS!

VOTE NO ON NYU 2031!

A Dog Run is about A LOT more than a Dog Run, it is about building and maintaining our **COMMUNITY**. If you support NYU2031, you vote against **YOUR COMMUNITY**.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! – THE UNDERDOGS

Testimony by Phyllis Barasch

NYU Trustee and Vice President of the NYU Alumni Association

New York City Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Museum of the American Indian, 1 Bowling Green

Public Hearing on the NYU Core Project

- Good morning/afternoon, Chair Burden, fellow commissioners. My name is Phyllis Barasch and I come before you today wearing several hats: I am a Trustee on the NYU Board of Trustees, vice president of the NYU Alumni Association and a proud graduate of NYU's Stern School of Business.
- Universities -- especially major research universities like NYU -- are crucial to the future of our City. They attract bright and accomplished students and faculty, who bring their energy and intellectual curiosity to our campuses and our City. Sixty percent of NYU's graduates stay in New York City to begin their careers -- our futures are intrinsically linked.
- But universities cannot stand still. They must be able to grow-- to accommodate new fields of study, to provide more up-to-date facilities for its students and faculty, to compete with its peer universities for talent, faculty, students, and grants.
- That's why five years ago the NYU Board of Trustees embarked upon a plan that will provide six million square feet of additional space in several locations in the city -- in Brooklyn with the expansion of NYU Poly, along the health corridor on Manhattan's East Side for our schools of dentistry and nursing, and at our core campus near Washington Square --the subject of today's hearing.
- All of these proposals are part of NYU's vision for where it believes it needs to be over the next few decades if it is to remain one of our country's premier research and academic institutions.
- I know our plan has raised concerns with our neighbors in the Village. But NYU and the Village are good for each other. Both enjoyed a rebirth following the recession of the 1970s and I don't think that's an accident. As NYU got stronger, the community got stronger too -- safer and more diverse. My parents lived in the Village for many years. They took classes at NYU at night and enjoyed the lively atmosphere created by a university in their midst.
- Some have suggested that if NYU wants to expand, it do so elsewhere because the Village is too crowded. The problem is, that's not how universities work. Universities work best when students and faculty live and learn in close proximity to each other and to the facilities they need to pursue their goals.

- I should know. When I received my MBA from Stern, it was located in Lower Manhattan and that made it more difficult for me to attend school. Our professors, most of whom were based in the Village, had fewer office hours. I rarely used the student center or the main library - they were located just too far away from my classes. I received my degree, but I didn't feel that I enjoyed the full university experience.
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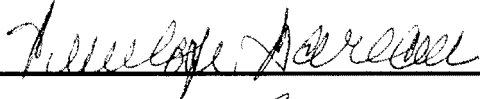
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Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732622971 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Kathleen
Last Name: Barker
Company: CUNY AND NYU
Street Address: One Washington Square Village
Address Number: 12N
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Postal Code: 10012
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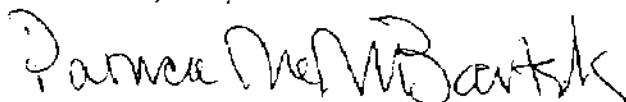
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We have lived at this address for over 40 years, directly across the street from one NYU dormitory, the Brittany, and within a block or two of several more. In the early Brittany years, the students were one part of a diverse neighborhood, but now they overwhelm it. University Place, once a street with a variety of small shops and restaurants, is now a fast food alley -- as noted in a recent NYTimes restaurant review. Particularly on weekends, University is as jammed as 42d Street, and students tend to gather on the brownstone stoops across 10th Street creating a ruckus late into the night. The prospect of even greater student density threatens the variety that has heretofore made the Village such an attractive and diverse place to live.

Certainly, City Planning must be particularly attentive to the appropriateness and design of the proposed buildings in a historic neighborhood. In 2001, the now defunct Berry-Hill Gallery had a wonderful exhibit of depictions of Washington Square by artists such as Benton, Glackens, Hopper, Prendergast, Shahn, and Sloan. Hopper's haunting painting of Judson Church ("November, Wn Sq.") would now have to include the Law School's quonset-hut-in-the-sky looming over the campanile. Few artists would be inspired by what Michael Kimmelman described as the worst work of some big-name architects that NYU has arrayed along the south side of the Square.

I urge you to encourage NYU to develop alternatives to this plan that will not allow it to further damage the fabric the historic area within which it resides, but might provide amenities in other areas of NYC where NYU would be welcome.

Yours very truly



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**Letter IN OPPOSITION to NYU Core Expansion Project:
ULURP Application #s: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM**

Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners:

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Our area is a long-established, historic residential neighborhood. Some of my concerns about NYU's Plan include that it will add a significant amount of bulk and density, dramatically increasing the student population in the Bleecker area. This will change the demographics of Greenwich Village, as well as bring student-serving retail where charming, neighborhood and visitor-serving retail currently exists.

Another shift will be the types of retail attracted to all this new NYU space that would be allowed by the requested rezoning: lower-end eating-and-drinking establishments, cheap clothing stores, and taverns. The BAMRA area's existing retail will not be able to survive, especially after being in a construction zone for much of the next 20 years, and the new retail replacing it will not be the type that attracts millions of visitors to our area each year. While most of the undergraduate population would not be of legal age to drink, underage drinking is a huge problem that cannot be allowed additional opportunities to grow. Noise is one of the greatest foes to this neighborhood's quality of life, and Greenwich Village already has it in abundance. The 10-12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and bars open until late at night will give us absolutely no respite, and the thousands of students residing in an area with reduced recreation space due to new building footprints will cause additional town/gown issues.

I hope you will deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks and build approximately two million square feet, do not allow NYU to take over public land for their own use, and ask you to preserve existing deed restrictions.

NYU has many other places where building would be better for NYC and would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Just as our children take public transportation to middle and high schools every day, a MetroCard provides a quick, easy, safe and sustainable method of transportation, so travel to other parts of NYC should not be an issue when considering NYU's application. **Please vote NO on the NYU Core Expansion Plan.**

Thank you,

Signed: 

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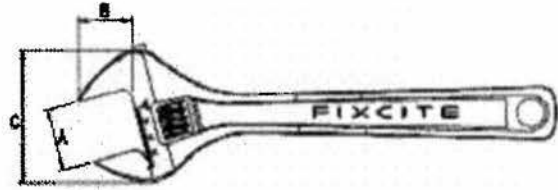
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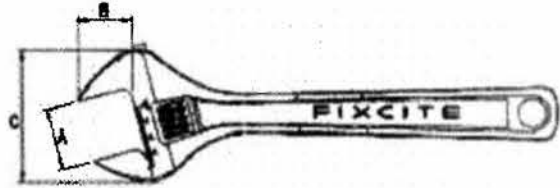
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City Councilmember Margaret Chin
City Council Speaker Christine Quinn
City Councilmember Rosie Mendez
Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio
State Senator Thomas K. Duane
Assemblymember Deborah Glick
Borough President Scott Stinger

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Planning Commission—

I am out-of-town today and missing an opportunity to participate in yet another hearing critical to my personal future, health & well-being as I live in the shadow of New York University's idea of a future campus aka: NYU2031

For my first point I would like to say that NYU2031 is over budget on land-use appropriations.

For my second point I would like to say that NYU2031 has over estimated its predictions on future student populations.

For my third point I would add that the university, its architectural contractors, its president and its board of directors.... none of these have any idea how impacted the neighborhood will be after, and only if approved, or if ever approved...and by the way...has any one from NYU's architectural staff of contractors ever visited Bleecker Street during normal business hours?

Has any one from the architectural staff ever thought about sitting outside Sasaki Gardens while trucks and taxis load and unload their destruction on the simple avenue that crosses town West to East on Bleecker?

Would I rather live below Washington Place at the Sasaki Gardens or would I rather live on Bleecker under construction while trucks and taxis and tourist buses vie for space on a street designed for residential traffic?

Easy answer: I want to live in Greenwich Village.

I want to live in a peaceful setting.

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As I understand the situation, the out-flux of money is relative to the influx of students...and therefore the number of students coming in will determine the amount of monies guaranteed to the university in the future.... however, these students will not be coming to NYC when they find out they are faced with their first four years of living in a construction zone that may ultimately exist for more than 25 years of construction.

In addition, this NYU2031 plan is a gateway for future destruction and devastation.

NYU2031, whether literal or reduced by 16%, whether approved or not approved in 2012 will ultimately be a

In short, the project is over-saturating, over-eager, over-ambitious

We, in the community have been asking that NYU give us a second plan...if necessary, even a third plan.

In point of fact they have had EIGHT (8) long years to give the community even one alternate plan for their supposed 2031 proposal.

It is virtually criminal to think of what the NYU2031 plan implies.

If only NYU would think of their neighbors.

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Greenwich Village, The East Village, SoHo, NoHo, the West Village, the South Village – each have their limits, and all of them have been met.

DO NOT undo Zoning protections that have been in place for decades.

Urban Renewal Deed Restrictions FORBID such careless plans.

Public Land Leases cannot be overturned.

NYC Park Lands are public in nature and cannot be handed over to a private institution without the public's

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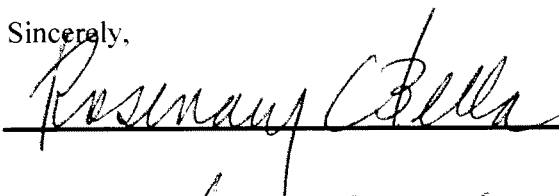
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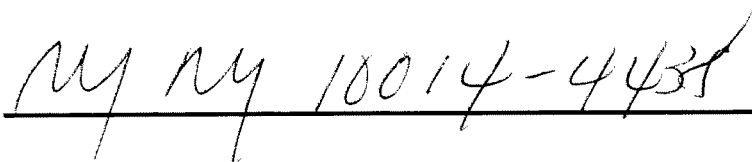
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Testimony of Roy Ben-Jacob, Owner, Joy Burger Bar

Before the New York Planning Commission for the NYU Core and NYU 2031: NYU in NYC

April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioner:

I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I have owned and operated a local business, Joy Burger Bar, in Greenwich Village since 2011.

NYU's students, faculty and staff have been loyal customers of my business since we opened last year, and I believe my establishment will benefit from the University's 2031 expansion plan. NYU contributes tremendously to the economy and energy of Greenwich Village, and I believe this plan will improve the vitality of the area.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

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Commissioners:

Please do not allow NYU to proceed with this ill-conceived plan and ruin our neighborhood.

I have received a degree from NYU and have been on the faculty of the Medical School.

I understand the needs of a university and I also know that this does not address those needs. There are other places in our city that would benefit from an expansion. We are choked for space as it is. Tuitions are already high and space is already scarce.

I have lived here since 1973. We cannot allow this expansion which will benefit only a few and destroy the lives of others, many many others.

Please have some consideration for those of us who have been good citizens and taxpayers for all these years.

Sincerely,
Arlene O. Bensam, Ph.D
520 LaGuardia Place
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Blue Note



NEW YORK

Testimony of Marco Olivari, General Manager, Blue Note on behalf of Steven Bensusan, President, Blue Note

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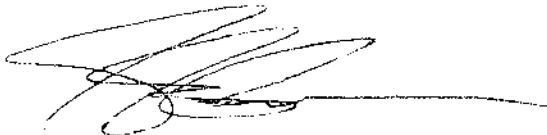
Since the Blue Note's inception, it has become one of the premier jazz clubs in the world and a cultural institution in Greenwich Village. Over the years, Blue Note has been an economic engine for Greenwich Village, bringing in jazz fans from all over the world, and this is attributed in part to the strength of the relationship the business has with NYU.

NYU's students, faculty and staff have been tremendous contributors to the Blue Note's success. Each year the NYU community shows its support of the Blue Note through ticket sales, booking special events and through regular collaborations that showcase the talents of NYU's musicians. NYU has placed a high value on jazz and the programming we offer at the Blue Note for a number of years now, and I believe the Blue Note will continue to thrive as the University's 2031 expansion plan moves forward.

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April 22, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
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Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I write in strong support of the NYU 2031 plan. As Professor of History and Dean for the Humanities at NYU, I am acutely aware of the many constraints imposed on academic programs by lack of space at New York University. Additional space is urgently needed to accommodate current activities in core departments and programs, as well as to enable the development of emergent fields of research and instruction. The 2031 plan addresses these needs while also providing space required for NYU to remain competitive in attracting students, faculty, and research funding in coming years.

The Humanities Division in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences comprises sixteen departments and four interdisciplinary centers and is the largest division within the Faculty of Arts and Science. Humanities fields play a leading role in promoting NYU's national and international reputation. Both routine academic operations and growth across humanities departments, programs, and centers have been hindered by space constraints. All departments suffer as a result of inadequate classroom and office space, and all units face constraints to growth: a half dozen humanities departments are now so crowded that they struggle to maintain vital academic programming.

Consider just a few examples. NYU's Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies is one of the world's leading departments in the interdisciplinary study of Jewish culture and history, in a city that is itself a rich center of Jewish culture. Many senior faculty in the department work in small, windowless offices, and distinguished visitors and language faculty crowd in twos and threes into shared offices. The university recently renovated a windowless basement room to accommodate some instructional staff and graduate students. The space situation for this department is dire by any standards, yet faculty and students also note the advantages of being near other programs with which they share faculty and students, and they have repeatedly opposed exploring space options distant from Washington Square.

The Department of Music is another example of a highly nationally rated department that suffers mightily from cramped quarters. The department uses every inch of its currently allocated space to accommodate faculty and staff offices, and it lacks appropriate and updated space for instruction using audio recordings, student practice rooms, performance space, and audio research facilities. The department has done everything possible to reconfigure its existing space, including re-purposing corridors as offices and crowding audio equipment into the only meeting room. Faculty, staff, and students ask the administration every year to arrange a move to a new location -- a possibility that would open with construction under the 2031 plan.

For some units, the lack of academic space at NYU has meant putting up with undesirable locations and facilities far from colleagues. The East Asian Studies Department had to move two years ago to leased space that is surrounded by non-university offices. The Religious Studies program is located in the middle of a floor of office suites in a building far from the academic units with which it shares faculty and students. The isolation of such arrangements can have a negative impact on the morale of faculty, staff, and students.

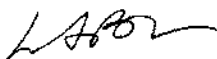
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As such examples show, academic space needs in the Humanities at NYU are severe and urgent, and they directly affect the ability of our programs to thrive. For these and for many other reasons, I strongly support the NYU 2031 Plan. NYU needs space close to Washington Square in order to remain its trajectory as a vibrant and growing university with world-class instruction and research.

Please support NYU's ability to meet the needs of faculty and students for academic space.

Sincerely,



Lauren Benton
Dean for the Humanities
Professor of History; Affiliate Professor of Law

January 4, 2012

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Andrew Kenneth Burden 10012

April 26, 2012

non. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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Dear Ms. Burden:

PLEASE vote 'NO' on NYU's proposed grandiose expansion plan. This plan is terrible -- for the neighborhood, a neighborhood that is useful to New York City as it is -- and could be very detrimental to NYU as well as other colleges in our area.

Such huge additions -- to an already traffic clogged area is destructive. One cannot walk safely down Broadway most of the time -- especially if one has trouble walking -- as my husband, Blecker, Prince, W. 3rd, West Broadway are thick with tourists and others at times. The proposed additions would ensure that overflow would go to other currently walkable streets. People don't come to the Village for traffic. They go to Times Square for that. And with NYU planning to take over more sidewalk and street area, the streets as well as the sidewalk would leave little room for people.

As for NYU and its numerous plans, I enclose copies of some very pertinent articles, just in case you or anyone on the Planning Commission hasn't seen them.

1. David Brooks' column, NY Times 4/20/2012

David Brooks discusses how America's colleges seek prestige with surging applications, application rates and fancy facilities. But students are not showing gains in "critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing skills."

Students are not being helped by getting filmed classes instead of live lectures. They suffer when classes, especially creative graduate classes, are twice the size they should be -- or used to be. And this does happen at NYU. BIGGER DOES NOT EQUATE WITH BETTER.

2. David Brooks' column, NY Times 4/24, 2012

Here Brooks argues that education should aim at creativity rather than competition. NYU is competing with Ivy League schools and Stanford University. It doesn't need to. It should aim for excellence -- but not in everything, not if it wishes to be in the middle of an overly crowded city. Why must they continue to grow ad nauseam? Abu Dhabi, China, Brooklyn are not enough? They have been expanding in the Village for as long as I can remember. Much is lost every time they build.

3. Expand Minds, Not the N.Y.U. Campus, NY Times Opinion page 4/26/2012

Surely you all have copies of this pica written by three NYU professors. Besides fearing for the community, they believe the expansion would keep away the outstanding faculty NYU would wish to attract, and the authors point out financial risks. This couldn't be more to the point: "Their obsession not to grow to maintain excellence is a delusion."

Personally, I worry about dangerous congestion. We live on an island. Evacuation is very difficult to think about now, without adding many people and buildings and reducing street space. What happens in case of disasters? In any case, there is more than ample reason to say "no" to NYU just in terms of what we know will happen in the near future.

Sincerely,



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DAVID BROOKS

Testing The Teachers

There's an atmosphere of grand fragility hanging over America's colleges. The grandeur comes from the surging application rates, the international renown, the fancy new dining and athletic facilities. The fragility comes from the fact that colleges are charging more money, but it's not clear how much actual benefit they are providing.

Colleges are supposed to produce learning. But, in their landmark study, "Academically Adrift," Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa found that, on average, students experienced a pathetic seven percentile point gain in skills during their first two years in college and a marginal gain in the two years after that. The exact numbers are disputed, but the study suggests that nearly half the students showed no significant gain in critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing skills during their first two years in college.

This research followed the Wabash Study, which found that student motivation actually declines over the first year in college. Meanwhile, according to surveys of employers, only a quarter of college graduates have the writing and thinking skills necessary to do their jobs.

In their book, "We're Losing Our Minds," Richard P. Keeling and Richard H. Hersh argue that many colleges and universities see themselves passively as "a kind of bank with intellectual assets that are available to the students." It is up to students — 19 and 20 year olds — to provide the motivation, to identify which assets are most important and to figure out how to use them.

Colleges today are certainly less demanding. In 1961, students spent an average of 24 hours a week studying. Today's students spend a little more than half that time — a trend not explained by changing demographics.

This is an unstable situation. At some point, parents are going to decide that \$160,000 is too high a price if all you get is an empty credential and a fancy car-window sticker.

One part of the solution is found in three little words: value-added assessments. Colleges have to test more to find out how they're doing.

It's not enough to just measure inputs, the way the U.S. News-style rankings mostly do. Colleges and universities have to be able to provide prospective parents with data that will give them some sense of how much their students learn.

There has to be some way to reward schools that actually do provide learning and punish schools that don't. There has

In 2006, the Spellings commission, led

Colleges need accountability, too.

by then-Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, recommended a serious accountability regime. Specifically, the commission recommended using a standardized test called the Collegiate Learning Assessment to provide accountability data. Colleges and grad schools use standardized achievement tests to measure students on the way in; why shouldn't they use them to measure students on the way out?

Many people in higher ed are understandably anxious about importing the No Child Left Behind accountability model onto college campuses. But the good news is that colleges and universities are not reacting to the idea of testing and accountability with blanket hostility, the way some of the members of the K-12 establishment did.

If you go to the Web page of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and click on "assessment," you will find a dazzling array of experiments that institutions are running to figure out how to measure learning.

Some schools like Bowling Green and Portland State are doing portfolio assessments — which measure the quality of student papers and improvement over time. Some, like Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, use capstone assessment, creating a culminating project in which the students display their skills in a way that can be compared and measured.

The challenge is not getting educators to embrace the idea of assessment. It's mobilizing them to actually enact it in a way that's real and transparent to outsiders.

The second challenge is deciding whether testing should be tied to federal dollars or more voluntary. Should we impose a coercive testing regime that would reward and punish schools based on results? Or should we let schools adopt their own preferred systems?

Given how little we know about how to test college students, the voluntary approach is probably best for now. Foundations, academic conferences or even magazines could come up with assessment methods. Each assessment could represent a different vision of what college is for. Groups of similar schools could congregate around the assessment model that suits their vision. Then they could broadcast the results to prospective parents, saying, "We may not be prestigious or as expensive as X, but here students actually learn."

This is the beginning of college reform. If you've got a student or an employer to

DAVID BROOKS

The Creative Monopoly

As a young man, Peter Thiel competed to get into Stanford. Then he competed to get into Stanford Law School. Then he competed to become a clerk for a federal judge. Thiel won all those competitions. But then he competed to get a Supreme Court clerkship.

Thiel lost that one. So instead of being a clerk, he went out and founded PayPal. Then he became an early investor in Facebook and many other celebrated technology firms. Somebody later asked him, "So, aren't you glad you didn't get that Supreme Court clerkship?"

The question got Thiel thinking. His thought process was interrupted into a moment of reflection in the Computer Science Department. (A student named Blake Masters posted outstanding notes online, and Thiel has confirmed their accuracy.)

One of his core points is that we tend to confuse capitalism with competition. We tend to think that whoever competes best comes out ahead. In the race to be more competitive, we sometimes confuse what is hard with what is valuable. The intensity of competition becomes a proxy for value.

In fact, Thiel argues, we often shouldn't seek to be really good competitors. We should seek to be really good monopolists. Instead of being slightly better than everybody else in a crowded and established field, it's often more valuable to create a new market and totally dominate it. The profit margins are much bigger, and the value to society is often bigger, too.

Now to be clear: When Thiel is talking about a "monopoly," he isn't talking about the illegal eliminate-your-rivals kind. He's talking about doing something so creative that you establish a distinct market, niche and identity. You've established a creative monopoly and everybody has to come to you if they want that service, at least for a time.

His language points to a particular perspective: that the competitive environment in which engineers can sometimes inhibit the creativity it requires.

Think about the traits that creative people possess. Creative people don't follow the crowds; they seek out the blank spots on the map. Creative people wander through faraway and forgotten traditions and then integrate marginal perspectives back to the mainstream. Instead of being fastest around the tracks everybody knows, creative people move adaptively through wildernesses nobody knows.

Now think about the competitive environment that confronts the most fortu-

each hour.

Then they move into a ranking system in which the most competitive college, program and employment opportunity is deemed to be the best. There is a status funnel pointing to the most competitive colleges and banks and companies, regardless of their appropriateness.

Then they move into businesses in which the main point is to beat the competition, in which the competitive juices take control and gradually obliterate other goals. I see this in politics all the time. Candidates enter politics wanting to be authentic and change things. But once the candidates enter the campaign, they stop focusing on their own unique proposals. Instead, they focus on beating the other guy. They hone the skills of one-upmanship. They get engaged in a tit-for-tat competition to win the news cycle. Instead of being new and authentic, they become artificial mirror opposites of their opponents. Instead of providing the value voters want — change — they become canned tacticians, hoping to eke out a slight win over the other side.

Competition has trumped value-creation. In this and other ways, the competitive arena undermines innovation.

You know somebody has been sucked into the competitive myopia when they start using sports or war metaphors.

Innovation and the limits of competition.

Sports and war are competitive enterprises. If somebody hits three home runs against you in the top of the inning, your job is to go hit four home runs in the bottom of the inning.

But imagine something a little different. You're in the top of the inning and you've hit three home runs against your opponent. You have the option of picking up your equipment and inventing a different game. You don't have to compete; you can invent.

We live in a culture that nurtures competitive skills. And they are necessary: discipline, rigor and reliability. But it's probably a good idea to try to supplement them with the skills of the creative monopolist: alertness, independence and the ability to reclaim forgotten traditions.

Everybody worries about American competitiveness. That may be the wrong

Expand Minds, Not the N.Y.U. Campus



GRACE DANICO

By Ernest Davis, Patrick Deer
and Mark Crispin Miller

FOR much of the last decade, universities across the country have been spending many millions on construction projects, building grand new campuses to draw more students.

That national trend has a strong champion in New York University's president, John Sexton, the driving force behind N.Y.U. 2031 — a plan for a huge expansion of the school's Greenwich Village campus as well as additional buildings in other parts of the city, including downtown Brooklyn.

opposition. As was quite clear at the packed and raucous public hearings earlier this year, Village residents are overwhelmingly opposed to it — and so, in fact, is N.Y.U.'s own faculty. We see this project as a clear and present danger to the neighborhood and a grave risk to the university itself.

As of April 25, 23 faculty departments — including economics, history, politics, mathematics, anthropology, art history,

Many faculty members
believe a bigger school
will be a worse one

20 years (or more) of demolition and construction.

Roughly two acres of green space would be destroyed, including the acclaimed Sasaki Garden, and in the end, four giant buildings would be crammed into the area, three placed smack against the older buildings, blocking most of the apartments from the sun. With the whole area rezoned for commercial use, there will be lots of stores, and a hotel.

What about N.Y.U. itself? First, the plan is a financial risk. The administration won't reveal its business plan, but according to N.Y.U.'s Web site, the plan will cost an estimated \$6 billion. The debt service alone could strain N.Y.U.'s annual budget. A \$2 billion loan, for instance, would mean more than \$100 million a year in interest. How will we cover that new debt? Tuition increases? More students? Bigger classes? Unlike Yale or Harvard, we have no large endowment to cushion yearly drops in income. Most of N.Y.U.'s income comes from tuition — a dicey strategy today.

Nationwide, costs of tuition and fees have more than doubled since 2000. Most students take out loans to pay their way — and struggle more and more to pay them back. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, more than a quarter of indebted students are in arrears. Now that outstanding United States student debt has topped \$1 trillion — more than the entire population's credit-card debt — that bubble could finally pop.

But it's not just risky to finance this project with more student debt. It's also wrong. Our graduates are among the most indebted in the nation. We'd rather see such misery ended than prolonged. This brings us to the academic impact. While Mr. Sexton has said often that his plan will make N.Y.U. strong, it will very likely have the opposite effect. This expansion of the university will eventually degrade our student body. Many of our best students have come from poor and middle-income families. If N.Y.U. must raise tuition to handle all that extra debt, applicants with money will be favored over those without. And if we need more students to defray our costs, we must be that much less selective.

The project will degrade our faculty at once. Like Columbia and Rockefeller, N.Y.U. has drawn top faculty members to this expensive city by offering afford-

Statement of Support for the NYU 2031 Plan from Charles N. Bertolami, DDS, DMedSc, Dean, NYU College of Dentistry

As a resident of Greenwich Village and a faculty member at NYU, I am pleased to express my strong support to the members of the New York City Planning Commission for NYU 2031: NYU in NYC. I have read the plan carefully, have listened attentively to the discussions it has spurred, and have concluded that the plan is both very well thought out and responsive both to NYU's profound need for more space to fulfill its teaching, research, and service missions, and to the continued vibrancy, openness to innovation, and focus on the future that have historically characterized NYU's Greenwich Village home.

In reading the plan, I was shocked to learn how little space NYU currently has available per student or faculty member compared with its peer universities. Implementation of the proposed plan is essential to NYU's ability to expand space for learning and discovery and continue to thrive as one of our nation's most respected and elite universities. At the same time, I am convinced that the plan offers opportunities to further enhance the Greenwich Village neighborhood that is such a strong part of NYU's allure by returning land to the public in the form of increased numbers of parks and gardens.

The fact that the plan calls for much of the increase in space to come from outside the Washington Square core indicates that NYU is being realistic about the density that the core can handle and the concerns of the neighboring community. The concept of using space within and surrounding the Washington Square Village housing complex to make it a more publically accessible part of our community is an exciting one, exemplifying NYU's thoughtful, responsible, and balanced approach to enhancing its facilities as well as our collective use of the Washington Square area.

Thank you.

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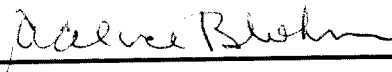
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21 February 2012

Dear Chair Amanda Burden,

I feel that my household is in the eye of the New York University tiger. We live in a double loft building right across La Guardia Place from one of the proposed towers that will flank the open space between the north and south residential towers of Washington Square Village. From the designs that NYU has offered, it will consume the space between the sections of Washington Square Village now occupied by a group of stores and very pleasant and popular restaurants plus the garden with grown trees that separates them from the road. It will also effectively block our view to the East. Some years ago an unusually unattractive NYU tower was built blocking our view to the West of the lovely quattrocento bell tower of Judson Church. We will be surrounded!

Four of us, all artists or married to artists, bought 530 La Guardia Place in the mid 1960s FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, which was at the time going through some kind of recession and was busy selling off property. The building had been industrial - a doll factory on our top floor. In our C of O we reserved the four lofts for artists, and for a time we had an art supply store on the ground floor. Now NYU, which tried to buy us out a few years ago, rents the ground floor from us as an exhibit and meeting space.

NYU 2031 will impact our quality of life disastrously. The new towers directly across the road from us will greatly reduce our light, air, and privacy. The garden between the Washington Square Village towers will become an underground lecture space. A huge hotel and high-rise will be built across the road from us where the Morton Williams supermarket now stands. Human density in the blocks immediately around us, already crowded, will increase astronomically, and overwhelm most of the surviving amenities in the neighborhood.

What at my age I fear most of all is 10 to 20 sleepless years of construction, congestion, noise and inconvenience - the rest of my life in fact - together with the destruction of all that attracted us to the Village in the first place: its livable charm, its many jazz clubs and experimental theatres and art galleries, its varied populations, its vitality.

I hope you can steer the City Planning Commission to rescue this vital part of Manhattan.

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18 April 2012

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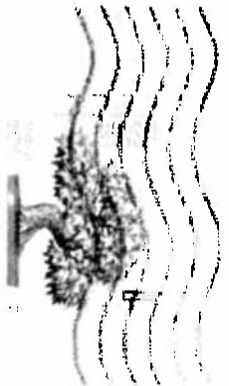
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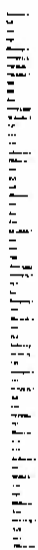
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2 May, 2012

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Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners,

re: OPPOSITION to NYU Core Expansion Project:
ULURP Application #s: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077
MMM

Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners,

I was in hospital having a minor surgical procedure the day of your hearing on the above subject, which is very dear to heart. I am therefore pleased to have this opportunity to convey to you some of my grave misgivings about NYU's terrifying proposals.

In the '60s, NYU must have embarked on an expansion program rather like the present one and bought properties in the very area covered by this ULURP. Something went wrong and the University had to shed a number of properties, including 530 La Guardia Place. Four families, all artists (including Leon Golub, Nancy Spero, Peter Passuntino) or married to artists (myself), first rented and then bought the building from NYU. We actually set up a restrictive covenant to preserve the beautiful well-lit space for artists. The building was the center of several political movements of the period, such as "Artists and Writers against the War in Vietnam", and later the successful campaign to legalize loft living. We intended the latter to benefit artists, but as soon as it succeeded artists began to be pushed out by the wealthy. Prices shot up. In this building, my loft is the only one that still houses a visual artist.

NYU has already taken away our view of the lovely campanile of Judson Church from our rear windows. NYU 2031 would block out the light and the view from our front windows, and take away the green spaces, trees and plantings directly across the road from us on La Guardia Place. It would dramatically change the unique nature of Greenwich Village from established historical, cultural and residential to student-serving. Already, in anticipation of NYU's changes, a great number of retail establishments and venerable taverns and restaurants have been

driven out by rising commercial rents, the properties either standing empty or occupied by low-end food establishments.

NYU 2031 - even after the expected 20 years of construction - would harm or destroy historically significant features of the two superblocs directly across from our home. 2.5 million square feet of academic space and student and faculty housing, right across the road from us, would involve crowds and make it virtually impossible to cross a sidewalk or walk quickly. Removal of our supermarket would greatly reduce the convenience of local shopping. The landmarked I.M. Pei University Village would be surrounded with new, tall construction that would contravene the zoning, deed restrictions, and design intention. I.M. Pei wrote to NYU to object to their original design, which they withdrew but substituted a new plan almost as bad. (A similar and disastrous effect can be seen as you drive up the West Side Highway, where a milky glass Gehry building is so close to another newly architected building that neither of them can be seen properly.)

Greenwich Village benefited from a previous period of proposed, but frustrated, NYU expansion. We appreciate the need to accommodate the increased numbers of students that NYU foresees, but there must be other, less destructive possibilities, which should be explored before embarking on the ULURP under discussion. NYU has recently revealed its plans for expansion in Brooklyn. Community Board 1 has extended a warm invitation to NYU to consider expanding there, which would bring benefits to an area devastated by 9/11, and would be reasonably close to Greenwich Village for festive or scholarly occasions. The parlous situation of the U.S. and the world economy would seem to militate against very large expenditures when there are less expensive alternatives. Many Universities are preparing for a surge in enrolment, with a massive increase in fees, which already produce graduates with debt loads that cannot be repaid for decades. Harvard, M.I.T, Stanford, Princeton, the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan, faced with similar situations, are reported to be exploring online course offerings.

I urge the City Planning Commission to encourage NYU to thoroughly explore other, less destructive, locations for its proposed new facilities which do not destroy the character of our Village. Unlike the '60s, by now too much of the historic housing stock has been lost or destroyed.

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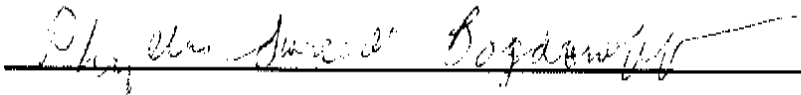
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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NYU 2031

My name is Robert Boland. I am the Academic Chair of the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management (Tisch Center) at New York University (NYU), where I am also professor of sports management and sports law.

The Tisch Center, is an extraordinary academic unit of 600 undergraduate and professional masters degree students. Housed in NYU's School of Continuing Educational and Professional Studies (SCPS) which is NYU's divisional incubator for innovative and aspirational learning, the Tisch Center is named for the late Preston Robert "Bob" Tisch, a quintessential New Yorker. Mr. Tisch was the chairman of the Loews Corporation and Loews Hotels, a leader who was critical in the creation of a permanent tourism authority for New York and the "*I Love New York*" tourism campaign which helped reinvigorate the tourism sector during the 1970s and co-owner of the beloved New York Giants. The Tisch Center embraces the three areas of study which defined Mr. Tisch's life: hospitality- hotels and restaurants; tourism and sports. Each of these fields is so interconnected with New York that it is impossible to imagine New York without immediately thinking of its iconic hotels, its extraordinary range of restaurants, the more than 50 million visitors it welcomes annually or its beloved sports teams and fabled venues.

Each of these sectors is a key driver of economic activity, development and jobs that makes New York one of the planet's truly global cities. But there is more to the life of a city than mere economics. There is the well-being of its citizens, its soul and its investment in its

future. This is why I am pleased to voice my support of NYU's 2031 development plan as it will help secure the future of New York University as a global leader and will in turn help secure the future of our city as the global city.

There is much thought that great cities have a finite life-cycle. Lisbon, Amsterdam, Vienna and Berlin have each vied for this position on the global stage in the past. Boston, Charleston and Philadelphia each took a turn as the leading city of United States only to be surpassed by New York and its constant propensity for reinvention throughout the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries. NYU has been since 1831 a part of that story. However, reinvention is costly and requires will. London, one of New York's few global peers, is spending an estimated £18 billion British Pounds- close to \$30 billion U.S. dollars- to host the 2012 Summer Olympics. I recently, had the opportunity to visit London to examine these preparations. The words "opportunity" and "legacy" were the two I most heard in describing this massive undertaking. The Olympic Games represent an opportunity to recreate, establish and leave physical, economic and social legacies that have the potential to benefit London for decades to come. By way of analogy, NYU 2031, offers NYU a similar opportunity to make both crucial and carefully planned reinvestment in its future and secure a legacy of excellence that will benefit not only its students, faculty and alumni but also its neighbors and our global city.

Any business or institution in New York must find inventive ways of managing limitations and NYU's creativity, in not only living with but thriving within its physical limitations, is a great part of the University's historical success. Its innovation of the global network university, with 14 interconnected sites around the world and two portal campuses in Abu Dhabi and Shanghai, which honors the international nature of its home in New York City and embraces an increasingly global world but it was also necessitated, at least in part, as a solution to the problems caused by physical limitations on the Washington Square campus, is just the best example of this ingenuity. It is the excitement and promise of the global network university, along with NYU's recognition of the importance of my discipline of sports and its continued faith in me as an educator, that make me proudest of my association with NYU and in

choosing an academic career a decade ago after previously working in law, government and sports.

However, in order to maintain its position of leadership in the world, in having classroom space to create and house cutting-edge classes, laboratories and spaces that provide developmental experiences and reflect the ever changing needs of the city and the aspirations of its people, NYU must grow. The ability to recruit faculty and graduate students to advance our cause is currently limited by a lack space for them to teach, work and conduct research. Our ability to meet the needs of our students- especially the many working professionals who pursue degrees which propel not only their careers but all of us forward- to schedule classes around work and family commitments is stressed by our relative paucity of physical space. It is the single greatest burden on my creativity as an administrator and educator and it has become an area increasing concern and limitation.

NYU is no ivory tower. NYU is as gritty and real a place as is the city that gives it its name and lifeblood. Like all my colleagues who have chosen NYU, I know that I will always have to do more with less, in terms of space and amenities, than my peers at Wharton, Cornell or USC. It is the creative challenge of New York and the price we all gladly pay in exchange for our location in New York City and the extraordinary endowment of opportunities that we derive as a result. In this sense NYU 2031 while a comprehensive plan for sustainable growth, it is also a realistic one- that is both measured and critically needed. It takes into account plans for mitigation and community impact and consolidates for greater efficiency, rather than expanding, areas already owned by and in current use by the University. It has been developed in conjunction with community stakeholders and is the product of openness, revision and listening.

No plan will please everyone in all its elements. Neither will a plan as far-sighted as this one is be realized in all of its planned dimensions. But given a clear need and definable opportunities and legacies and that this process was begun in a spirit of cooperation and been conducted with a sense of responsibility to all potential stakeholders are all compelling arguments for supporting NYU's 2031 development plan. To strive toward a greater future, reaching upward

in spirit is so innate in the DNA of all New Yorkers, by birth, choice or in spirit that it is our state's motto and why E.B. White called New York, "a city of incomparable achievement."

Your truly,

Robert Boland, JD
*Academic Chair &
Associate Clinical Professor*

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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**TESTIMONY OF LEE C. BOLLINGER, PRESIDENT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
BEFORE THE NEW YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY CORE PROJECT
APRIL 25, 2012**

Good afternoon to members of the Commission and to Chair Amanda Burden. Having been through this process, we at Columbia know first-hand the essential forum this Commission provides for balancing competing interests to serve the greater good of our City, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify.

It is to be expected that I am here to re-assert that New York City's great colleges and universities, including a resurgent CUNY system, are essential to the city's creative spirit and intellectual excellence—components of the New York character that help make our city a world capital of knowledge and ideas. And also to state that strong universities stand out in the modern economy as exceptional sources of stable, moderate-income jobs for a diversity of New Yorkers.

That is all true, of course. More remarkable though is the degree to which New Yorkers now recognize this to be so. With Fordham's expansion in Lincoln Center, multiple new buildings at CUNY schools, the selection of Cornell and Technion to build a new applied science campus on Roosevelt Island, the announcement earlier this week of New York University's science facility in Brooklyn, and with work well underway on our own long-term campus plan in the old Manhattanville manufacturing zone, it is clear that what's happening today on campuses across our City bodes well for New York's future as a national and global center of higher education.

I have often said that a rich urban environment of thriving colleges and universities works to the benefit of all our institutions. NYU's transformation over recent decades into a university of great distinction is not only an impressive story for NYU; it is a healthy thing for Columbia and our local peer institutions. The rising tide truly lifts us all.

The key point is this: Knowledge is an enterprise of accumulation. Each answered question leads to new questions demanding their own answers, making growth in the service of academic excellence an imperative for the modern research university.

Upon becoming Columbia's president ten years ago, I noted that our University was severely constrained for space and that if college and university rankings were based on creativity per square foot, Columbia would far surpass everyone. I now amend that statement by noting that, using the calculus of square foot per student, NYU has an even tougher challenge than we do in the dense, urban environment of lower Manhattan.

While every institution based in New York City accepts the need to use the space available to us as efficiently as possible, there are limits. At a certain point, the scholarship, research, teaching, and public service at the heart of a university's mission begin to suffer without the quality laboratories, classrooms, and living spaces needed to accomplish these goals—and so too does the institution's value to the city and to society.

There's no question that the growth of interdisciplinary academic partnerships underscores the value of locating faculty and students in close proximity to their colleagues and classmates in other disciplines. While we each must pursue our own unique paths forward, it is in the very nature of all great universities to be academic communities of shared scholarship and experiences, of living and working together. And for our colleagues at NYU that academic community is centered in Washington Square.

There are few people who can appreciate as deeply as I do the amount of energy and effort expended over recent years by President Sexton and his team as they have developed their proposals for NYU's future. I know that this Commission has been studying and will continue to study the proposal before you carefully. And I urge you to give it your support.

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Message: I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 core expansion plan. I know that a strong NYU will mean a strong New York City. I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has already included responses to the community, and is extremely important for both the University and the City.

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 2:28 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729838427 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729838427

DATE RECEIVED: 02/24/2012 14:27:11

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RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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Sent: 02/24/2012 14:26:27
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: thierrybonnet@hotmail.com (Thierry Bonnet)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Thierry Bonnet (thierrybonnet@hotmail.com) on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 14:26:27

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Thierry
Last Name: Bonnet
Street Address: 72 Carmine Street
Address Number: 1C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Email Address: thierrybonnet@hotmail.com

Message: Hon. Amanda BurdenChair, NYC Department of City Planning22 Reade StreetNew York, NY 10007Dear Chair Burden:I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park the equivalent of the Empire State Building would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to !

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such as NYU, and big developers like Donald Trump should be exempted to abide by the same laws, regulations and restrictions which apply to the rest of us? Sincerely, Thierry Bonnet

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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740337661 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 5:32:15 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740337661

DATE RECEIVED: 04/06/2012 17:31:45

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: r.bononno.1@alumni.nyu.edu (Robert Bononno)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Robert Bononno (r.bononno.1@alumni.nyu.edu) on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 17:30:55

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Robert
Last Name: Bononno
Street Address: 109 E 2 Street
Address Number: 6
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10009
Country: United States
Email Address: r.bononno.1@alumni.nyu.edu

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OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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Mr. Robert Bonanno
109 E. 2nd St., Apt. 8
New York, NY 10009

*Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade St.
New York, NY 10007*

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729313458 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 3:44:46 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 3:24 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729313458 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729313458

DATE RECEIVED: 02/22/2012 15:21:44

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Sent: 02/22/2012 15:21:41
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: wborock@hotmail.com (Bill Borock)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Bill Borock (wborock@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 15:21:41

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Bill
Last Name: Borock
Company: Council of Chelsea Block Associations
Street Address: co 145 West 17th Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-637-5775
Email Address: wborock@hotmail.com

Message: The Council of Chelsea Block Associations wants to share with you our very strong concerns about NYUs development plans and we urge you to oppose their plans. Our neighbors in Greenwich Village have been sharingg with you all the reasons why NYUs plan should be rejected. It is also our understanding that Community Board 1 has offered NYU space for development in their community, at the WTC site area, but NYU rejected the offer. Please do not vote to support a bad plan in a community that does not want it. NYU rejected a good offer of space which would have accomodated part of their developement plans. We urge you to reject NYUs current plans and to ask them to return to the drawing board for the purpose of coming up with a plan which will be acceptable to the communities and neighborhoods such a plan will have impact on. Thank you. Bill Borock, President Council of Chelsea Block Associations.

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Sincerely,

Joe Burden
101 E. 16th St., #5-D
NYC 10003

From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725927402 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Monday, February 13, 2012 12:07:38 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 12:38 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725927402 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 7:18 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725927402 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-725927402

DATE RECEIVED: 02/07/2012 19:16:20

DATE DUE: 02/21/2012 19:17:29

SOURCE: eSRM

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EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

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From: ALISONBRADLEY1@ME.COM (ALISON BRADLEY)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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ALISON BRADLEY (ALISONBRADLEY1@ME.COM) on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 19:15:38

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments

Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Ms

First Name: ALISON

Last Name: BRADLEY

Street Address: 30 EAST TENTH STREET

Address Number: 5N

City: NYC

State: NY

Postal Code: 10003

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 6462867888

Email Address: ALISONBRADLEY1@ME.COM

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January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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New York, NY 10007

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ANITA BRAJOT

4 Wash. Sq. Village

New York NY 10012

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Cray Brereton

579 Broadway 4B

NY NY 10012

March 31, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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fax: (212) 720-8213

Dear Chair Burden:

I am writing you regarding NYU's bid for a massive expansion plan in the Village.

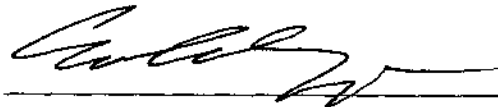
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Emily J Bregman
60 E 9th St Apt. 412
New York, NY 10003

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~~Terry Brennan (Terry P. Brennan)~~

~~301 E 22nd St, Apt. 1-D, terrybrennan@gmail.com~~

~~New York, N.Y. 10010~~

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Ms. Beverly Brin

15 Washington Place - (Ap. 651)

New York, N.Y. 10003

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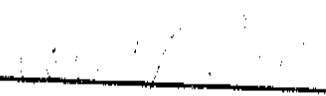
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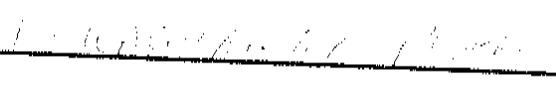
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Testimony of **Deborah Broderick, Associate Vice President, Marketing Communications, New York University**

Before the New York Planning Commission for the Public Hearing on the **New York University Core Project**

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners,

My name is Deborah Broderick and I was born, raised, and still reside in Manhattan. I have been working for New York University for 27 years.

First, let me say that I fully support NYU's plans for expansion. During the 27 years that I have been here I have seen this University fundamentally change. The story is not new. This University has become a destination.

I remember when I was in high school, this neighborhood was not the place to be. My parents would give me "mugger money" when I would come down to The Unique Clothing Warehouse on Broadway. My sister, a student at SEHNAP, would leave class and rush to get back uptown. Now, granted, the City then was not a safe one, but when things turned around, this area rebounded far faster and farther than other New York City neighborhoods and it was because of NYU.

In 27 years I have seen tremendous growth, and I don't mean in the size of our student body. The real story is in the growth of our reputation and standing in ADDITION to the student growth, things that usually don't happen at the same time. Increasing our space had to have gone along with it. If we don't continue to grow, to accommodate the sheer numbers of people who want to be part of this institution, if we don't look forward, we are, in effect, going backwards. Complacency about our infrastructure and the limits of our physical plant will only result in our being eclipsed by other institutions that are free to continue their evolution unencumbered.

Our location in New York City, and specifically in Greenwich Village has always been one of our distinguishing characteristics. It is an asset. NYU has, for the better part of the last 20 years, been a distinguishing characteristic of New York City, and specifically of Greenwich Village. And let's be candid, that asset runs both ways. If we persist in pursuing excellence, and space is a part of it, everyone benefits. Everyone. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Rory Shanley Brone
One Fifth Ave 19F
NY 10003

Testimony of E. Mace Brown, New York University

Before the New York City Planning Commission

For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Chair Burden and Fellow Commissioners:

There was a time not too long ago when Greenwich Village was not a safe place to be. It has come a long way since the 1970s and 1980s, when garbage, crime and graffiti were rampant. Washington Square Park was a decayed "green area" filled with undesirables and trash. My parents would not allow me to visit without plenty of adult supervision, and only during the day.

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I know this is a big project, with construction over several years. But this is a necessity, not frivolous spending and land grabbing. This will a benefit to all of us over the next twenty years. I support the plan and urge you to as well.

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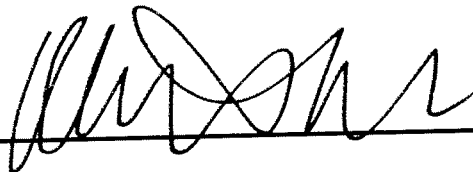
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N.Y., N.Y., 10003

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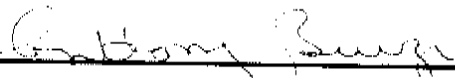
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As a member of the La Guardia Corner Gardens, a 30-year old community garden, which would be destroyed by the construction, I oppose this plan. This neighborhood desperately needs this open space

Sincerely,

Barbara Cahn

300 Mercer St #7c

New York, NY 10003

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To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729335823 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 4:53:31 PM

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: bcahnclay@gmail.com (Barbara Cahn)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Barbara Cahn (bcahnclay@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 16:50:38

This form resides at
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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Barbara
Last Name: Cahn
Street Address: 300 Mercer St
Address Number: 7C
City: NEW YORK
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-253-0259
Email Address: bcahnclay@gmail.com

Message: Please VOTE NO on the NYU 2031 plan. It is just too large for this neighborhood, and would destroy several of the few open spaces we have here. Other parts of the city, like the Financial District, would welcome this scale of development, but we do not. Please VOTE NO!

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Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: heather
Last Name: campbell
Street Address: 47 Great Jones Street 7th Floor
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 9175499907
Extension: heather
Email Address: heather.ann.campbell@gmail.com

Message: As a a NYU Alumna, a long-time Village resident and CB2 Board Member, I urge you to vote no on NYUs proposal. The fact that CB2 had to prepare such an lengthy list of questions to NYU about the plan should be proof enough that this project should not be approved. In addition, every time I hear NYU insist that they need this expansion, I hear in my head the lesson about want and need that my five year old just went through at school. NYU does not need this plan as is, they want it. They may have a need to grow in order to excel at what they do, but that need doesnt mean the growth has to happen here in the Village. That is merely a want.And the CB2 Board has heard overwhelmingly from our community is that not only do we not want it, but in fact, the plan greatly restricts and harms the communitys actual needs - the need for green space, light, safety, sanity, and a positive quality of life. I cant believe that NYUs business wants could or should outweigh our human needs.

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Sincerely,

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to N.Y. City Planning Commission

Public Hearing on NYU expansion plan - April 25, 2012

As a native New Yorker, downtown resident, property owner, landlord, and voter, I strongly urge the City Planning Commission to deny NYU its massive expansion plan.

Aside from the extremely negative impact on the residents of this neighborhood, this community destroying plan would create a decades long construction nightmare for a neighborhood which has always been a major draw for tourists-- tourists are NOT drawn to a construction zone. TV and film crews are NOT drawn to a construction zone. This would have a negative impact on the tax base. Also, please take into account that - NYU has a tax exempt status!

To take away open space, and also green space, in an area starved for it is unconscionable - especially considering that it invalidates the terms under which NYU was given this formerly public land in the first place, terms which prohibited this kind of development!

The amount of space which the university claims it needs has been offered by other close by communities. This NYU expansion should be in areas which welcome it! These areas would reap far greater economic benefits and have fewer negative impacts.

The City Planning Commission need take into account that this is not a viable plan for New York. NYU must reevaluate this plan and create one which is more sensitive and sustainable for the future of New York City.

respectfully submitted,

michele campo

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NYC, NY 10012

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Jeffrey Carbone

+ David Jarrow Carbone #63

35 E. 9th St

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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739584804 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 8:28:03 AM

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From: ac@secondand10th.com (Anne Carey)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Anne Carey (ac@secondand10th.com) on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 08:26:26

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M/M: Ms
First Name: Anne
Last Name: Carey
Street Address: 468 West Broadway
Address Number: 2H
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-732-3514
Extension: Anne
Email Address: ac@secondand10th.com
Message: Please do not approve the MASSIVE NYU EXPANSION IN THE VILLAGE

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Manhattan, NY 10019

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Diana Casulli

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Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 9:56:45 PM

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Ralph
Middle Name: A
Last Name: Castaldo
Street Address: 525 First Ave
City: Pelham
State: NY
Postal Code: 10803
Country: United States
Email Address: rafec@aol.com

Message: As an NYU Alumnus, I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 core expansion plan. I know that a strong NYU will mean a strong New York City. I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has already included responses to the community, and is extremely important for both the University and the City.

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William J. Catucci Julia Catucci

505 St. James Place #110 (← same)

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Anita Chadwick

708 Greenwich St #6E
NYC 10014-3085

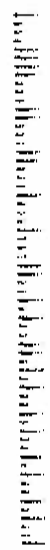
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NYU 2031

Testimony to City Planning Commission

Vishaan Chakrabarti

April 25, 2012

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

My name is Vishaan Chakrabarti. I am a professor at Columbia University, a Partner of SHoP Architects, and the former Director of the Manhattan Office at the Department of City Planning. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify this afternoon. It is always an honor and a pleasure to appear before you.

At the outset, I would like to disclose that I was brought in several years ago as a consultant for the NYU team as they were looking at a range of options to address their substantial space needs.

I am testifying today about the merits of the thoughtful, deliberative and collaborative approach that has been taken by NYU.

As with Columbia and every other major academic institution in the country, NYU has significant growth needs. The City's recent actions to bring Cornell-Technion to Roosevelt Island are testimony to the importance of academic growth for New York City and the diversification of our economy.

Similar to Cornell's plan on Roosevelt Island and Columbia's ongoing expansion in Manhattanville, NYU has taken a studied, comprehensive, and balanced approach to where and how it should expand, with only a portion of its space needs planned for its main campus in proximity to the Village.

In response to both design and neighborhood character concerns, NYU has

judiciously concentrated this program on the “superblocks” – land that is owned by NYU and is dominated by more modern structures and landscapes than those that are typically found in Greenwich Village, NoHo and SoHo.

Today those superblocks are not integrated with these great New York neighborhoods. In the future, the plan seeks to re-integrate those blocks by building new streetwalls, fantastic new open space, and important community facilities including a new school.

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Today, the edges of the superblocks are nebulous, tattered and ill-defined. In the future, streetwalls will be created in the superblocks along La Guardia and Mercer Streets in response to the strong streetwalls that exist across the street to the east and west. Because of their pivotal location, the superblocks are the transition in scale from the lower scale of the Village to the east, and the larger, more industrial scales of NoHo to the west and SoHo to the south. Additional density, especially along those western and southern edges, is critically important to making this marriage of three neighborhoods into seamless connective tissue. Of particular importance is the all-important corner of Houston and Mercer Streets, which is occupied today by a lackluster gym, and needs much more density and active mixed-uses to create the knuckle that binds these three cherished but currently disconnected neighborhoods.

Today, the northern superblock features centralized open space that is elevated and shielded from the sidewalks, with little sense of public access or amenity. In

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To be sure, this plan represents change and change is often hard. But today these superblocks and the three critically important neighborhoods that surround them have been severed: the vestige of post-war urban planning that has left fragmentation and placelessness in its wake. With this plan, the Commission has the opportunity to not only provide NYU with the critical space it needs to grow, but to do so in a manner that knits the Village, NoHo and SoHo together with open space and buildings designed by world-class talent, a suture to the wounds inflicted by our predecessors. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in our City's history, and we must seize it.

I urge the Commission to approve this well-thought out, comprehensive plan. Thank you for this opportunity.

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Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
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April 24, 2012

Dear Amanda,

I write to express my strong support for NYU's plan to create academic space near its Washington Square core.

NYU is an internationally recognized research university. It draws talented scholars and students from around the world to New York, where they add to the city's vibrancy, diversity, and innovation economy. NYU is also one of New York's largest employers - a source of exactly the kind of good jobs that New York's economy needs.

Strong universities are important for strong, thriving cities. In the most recent issue of *The New Yorker*, there was an interesting essay exploring the relationships between Stanford and Silicon Valley: "If the Ivy League was the breeding ground for the élites of the American Century, Stanford is the farm system for Silicon Valley." As the nexus of the global economy fueled by a new wave of entrepreneurial thinking, New York City can and should attract world-class talent through a world-class university.

New academic space is crucial for the University to continue to achieve excellence in education and research. NYU 2031 strikes a thoughtful balance by providing the University with the space it will need over the next two decades while also addressing the concerns of the local community.

I urge you to support NYU's plans as they proceed through the ULURP process.

Sincerely,



Sharon Chang

cc: Lynne Brown

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Testimony of Rachel Channon
Before the New York City Planning Commission
for the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project

Dear Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners,

Throughout my four years at NYU, I have been involved in the planning of numerous events through the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life and have dealt firsthand with the lack of usable space. With 20,000 undergraduates on campus, we always have the vision of drawing in large numbers for the educational, religious and social events we plan, but, unfortunately due to the cramped spaces and time necessary to reserve space in advance, our programs are often scaled down or subject to available space.

A few weeks ago I co-chaired Shabbat for 2000, a Friday night dinner for 2,000 students on campus. Shabbat for 2000 is the largest student-run event in the country! Two years ago, when I chaired the same event, we held it at the Puck building because there was no space on campus to accommodate 2,000 students. This year, we held Shabbat for 2000 at the Coles gym because Puck was no longer available. I'm proud to say the event was a complete success. We brought together almost 2,000 students with diverse backgrounds from every corner of the campus to unite in a communal dinner. We have hopes of making Shabbat for 2000 even larger and incorporating even more students, but unfortunately Coles is the largest space we have and it cannot accommodate any more students.

Despite its large student body and bustling buildings, NYU can be a very anonymous place. Community is not built in to NYU in the same way it is at smaller, campus-based schools. When students participate in sports, clubs or events at NYU it provides a sense of community and security that most 18-22 year olds need to fuel self-discovery and promote self-fulfillment. When students attend a dinner like Shabbat for 2000 they build relationships, participate in unfamiliar experiences, and expand their worldview. The

only thing standing in the way of student leaders being able to build dynamic programming is the lack of available and usable space.

NYU is training the leaders of tomorrow. Please encourage community building at NYU for all the future leaders by voting for more space.

Rachel Leah Channon

New York University

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730873639 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:50:03 PM

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First Name: Kira
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Street Address: 107 Sullivan St
City: New York
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Email Address: mouchemonster@earthlink.net

Message: NYU s massive Village expansion plan would have a tremendously negative impact upon the entire Village and the surrounding SoHo, NoHo, Union Square, Chelsea, and East Village communities. Better alternatives such as the Financial District have been proposed. Thousands of people have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan. Given this extraordinary level of concern about this plan, I urge you to hold a public hearing before issuing your recommendation on the plan. I believe it would be helpful to hear directly from people about about this proposal. Regardless, I urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan. Unfortunately, NYU seems to believe that it owns the Village, to the extent that it is now trying to expropriate public land and flood the area with thousands of additional students and visitors. This is my home and I was drawn to the area because of its low density, creativity and diversity. NYU has all ready subsumed large are

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Only a politician could say the 1570-1790 decrease in size is a compromise. That does not address any of the important issues NYU has ignored, + is trying to get away with.

Sincerely, *Edith Charlton*
60 Gramercy Park
New York, N.Y. 10016



Edith Charlton
 60 Gramercy Park N. Apt. 4N1
 New York, NY 10010-5427



Hon. Amanda Burden
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Alisa Chazani 3-J
4 Washington Sq. Village
New York, N.Y. 10012

Date: May 1 2012

Dear Chairperson of the
NYC Planning Commission:

I write to you with a heavy-heart about the NYU-2031 plan. I am an NYU graduate and have lived in W.S.V for the past 30 years.

I implore you to vote NO for the entire NYU 2031 plan, and please do not allow for any zoning changes! This plan will destroy the center of the Village and will do harm to thousands of tenants of the so called "Super-Blocks".

It will choke ^{entire} any part of the village, with horrific noise, clouds of dust, chemicals, armies of mice and rats, and will compromise the ^{speedy} access of Emergency vehicles to several thousands of tenants - due to street traffic on narrow village streets, such as Bleeker st, Mercer st. Laguardia, etc. for 20 years!

What if NYU runs out of operation funds?
Will we be subjected to live in an open construction area?

The Empire State Building was built in ONE YEAR and forty fire (45!) days, in the early 1930's! They did not have today's sophisticated machinery and related technology. Why on earth does NYU need 20 years for this project, in a pure residential area.

This is not acceptable!

Please do say NO to this invasive plan.

Thank You for caring for this community!

Sincerely,
Alisa Chazani

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To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729452693 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:27:54 AM

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Contact Info: No
M/M: Mrs.
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Last Name: Cherry
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February 24, 2012

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New York, NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
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FEB 27 2012

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Dear Amanda Burden:

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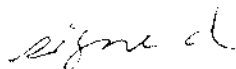
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Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our city.

Sincerely,



Constance and Nicholas Christopher (residents since 1977)

23 East 10th Street

New York, New York 10003

OFFICE OF THE
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Adriana Clerk
88 Bleecker St
New York, N.Y. 10012

To the Chair of the City
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For all the reasons so eloquently
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the huge concerns about the dire consequences
of this ill conceived plan, including the
future onus this will put on M.Y.U. students
already grievously indebted by the University,
I urge you to reject NYU 2031 -

The lives of the Community will be altered
and upended forever.

No to changing the current zoning laws!

Urge the University to develop in the Financial
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Please do not allow disaster to happen

Respectfully

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MARY CLARKE 52 Bond St NYC 10012

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Sincerely,

T. Lee
79 MacDougal
NY, NY 10012

April 23, 2012

Testimony of Samuel A. Cohen
Before the New York City Planning Commission
for the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project

Dear Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners,

I grew up in the middle of nowhere in Maine, a place where there is abundant space in which to expand and develop. This has made it fascinating for me to come to NYU, located in the heart of one of the densest and most space-limited locations in the world. One of the most moving lessons that I've learned from witnessing the way New York develops is the way the city tries to balance a desire for future progress with a desire to respect the past. Because of this, I have great respect for the work of your Commission, and I thank you for investigating and thoughtfully approving only those projects which will strengthen New York City.

I believe that the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan is one of those city-strengthening projects. As an NYU undergraduate and student leader, I have seen on a daily basis how space limitations impact the programs offered by the university and by the students. I've also seen how space availabilities lead to new opportunities for student growth and collaboration. Since our square footage per student is so very small, finding a space in which to host an event is the single greatest challenge to organizing a student program at NYU. Increased space availability results in increased student programming creativity, and thus multiplies the ways NYU students engage with and contribute to their university and NYC communities.

For example, NYU's new Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life, which opened this spring, has built-in social spaces which have generated daily interfaith student mingling and dramatically increased spiritual programming on campus. I believe that NYU's 2031 plan will allow students to come together on an even greater scale.

Students don't come to NYU to be in a college bubble—we come so that we can engage with the city in all possible ways. We're not interested in harming Greenwich Village—we're interested in giving back to it, which is why so many NYU students (myself included) take it upon themselves to do community service in the area on a regular basis. As I noted above, increased space for student programs has a direct correlation with increased student activity and ability to bring people together to do good in the world. NYU's plan for growth is a recognition by the University that more space for students and faculty to come together is a major factor in the development of new academic ideas, extracurricular programs, and student activities. By building on the University's own property and not further extending into Greenwich Village, I am moved by NYU's decision to support its students and our beloved surrounding village simultaneously.

It is for this reason—the respectfulness of NYU's building proposal, and the incredible growth potential for the university and the city—that I strongly support the 2031 plan. I hope you will, too.

Thank you for your consideration, your leadership, and your vision for the city. With your support, future NYU students will be able to come together in new ways to learn, grow, and contribute to our ever-growing, ever-inspiring city.

Samuel A. Cohen

NYU Class of 2013

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Phyllis Codd
45 Christopher St Apt 15B
New York NY 10014

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Sent: 02/29/2012 10:20:36
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: scohn54@gmail.com (sandra cohn)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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sandra cohn (scohn54@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 10:20:36

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: sandra
Last Name: cohn
Street Address: 54 Morton Street
Address Number: 5R
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 620-9075
Email Address: scohn54@gmail.com

Message: I urge you to vote against NYUs plans for change and expansion of existing guidelines for its expansion in Greenwich Village. As a two degree holder from NYU and a longtime resident of the Village, I am outraged by NYU-the corporation.

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Dear Hon. Burden,

I'm writing regarding the NYU 2031 extension plan which consists of adding four new towers, buying and converting public park strips into university controlled land and extending the campus underground.

For years I have watched NYU expand and imprint itself on Greenwich Village, its character slowly washed away in a sea of purple flags. Yet, never have I been this disturbed. The amount of disruption and destruction this plan would cause is in total disregard to the neighborhood residents that the university seems to have forgotten share the space too.

Not only is this massive development a huge and long-term disruption to the community, but is a potential health hazard. Additionally it will severely reduce the amount of light, which is not only unfortunate for its residents but detrimental to what little nature exists. In a polluted city, trees are vital in removing carbon dioxide and pollution particles.

Equally as upsetting is the underground proposal. Underground construction can displace the water table and underground springs and possibly damage the foundations of the surrounding historic buildings.

The community cannot fight this alone. We need your help and support on this issue. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Coler

Isabelle Coler

20 River Terrace Apt. 28B

New York, NY 10282

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Coles

K.D. COLES

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Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
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My family has lived in the Village since 1917 - I hate seeing NYU take it over. I + has already been gentrified too much.
Sincerely,
James L. Collier 971 Bannock 10014

JAMES L. COLLIER
71 BARNOW ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10014

Ms Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Rector St.
NYC NY 10007



From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732835022 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:42:39 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 12:36 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732835022 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-732835022

DATE RECEIVED: 03/08/2012 12:34:39

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Sent: 03/08/2012 12:34:15

To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: cc116@nyu.edu (Chris Collins)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Chris Collins (cc116@nyu.edu) on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 12:34:15

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Chris
Middle Name: T
Last Name: Collins
Company: NYU
Street Address: 4 Washington Sq Village
Address Number: 5G
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-260-1661
Email Address: cc116@nyu.edu

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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740272205 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Demographic Information/Census Data
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 12:58:27 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740272205

DATE RECEIVED: 04/06/2012 12:57:06

DATE DUE: 04/20/2012 12:58:20

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Sent: 04/06/2012 12:56:19
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Subject: < No Subject >

From: paula@pianistpaulacollins.com (Paula Collins)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Paula Collins (paula@pianistpaulacollins.com) on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 12:56:19

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Demographic Information/Census Data
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Paula
Middle Name: I
Last Name: Collins
Street Address: 35 Morton Street
Address Number: 11
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-467-4646
Email Address: paula@pianistpaulacollins.com

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-741008473 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 11:24:32 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-741008473

DATE RECEIVED: 04/10/2012 11:23:13

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Sent: 04/10/2012 11:22:20
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: platinum@nyc.rr.com (roberta collins)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

roberta collins (platinum@nyc.rr.com) on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 11:22:20

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Request for Information
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: roberta
Middle Name: c
Last Name: collins
Street Address: 70 east 10th street
Address Number: 14m
City: new york
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 228 0378
Email Address: platinum@nyc.rr.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden:Please VOTE NO on NYU s Village expansion plan.NYU s plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park would have a devastating impact on our areaThe Mayor defended the project this a.m. stating that GV can thank NYU for its prosperity...Is he kidding??? He wouldnt defend it if hed been around in the 70/80ies. Ill bet the Mayor wouldnt have allowed his daughters to attend NYU when this neighborhood was so very dangerous....notwithstanding NYU. I certainly wouldnt have allowed my daughter to apply.Please see the latest example of an NYU intrusion on the neighborhood...3rd Ave and 14/13St. An ugly,almost windowless institutional dorm structure for which it purchased air rights from the US PostOffice....which purchase was NOT allowed under Federal Law. How did they manage it???Please dont let them continue to run roughshod thru our city. thanksroberta collins

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727506242 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:53:03 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 6:44 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727506242 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727506242

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From: DColl@nyc.rr.com (Douglas Collura)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Douglas Collura (DColl@nyc.rr.com) on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 18:43:13

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Douglas
Middle Name: S
Last Name: Collura
Street Address: 200 E 24th Apt 1002
Address Number: 1002
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10010
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-213-0254
Email Address: DColl@nyc.rr.com

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Douglas Collura
200 E. 24th St., Apt. 1002
New York, NY 10010-3931
DColl@nyc.rr.com/212-213-0254

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April 21, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Burden:

I'm writing to ask you to please vote against the NYU Core Plan Application. The size and scope of this project is not just an attack against the most charming aspects of Greenwich Village. In fact, it is an attack against the community itself. NYU should not be allowed to turn the Village into Midtown. It should not be allowed to turn a community into a twenty year construction site, robbing the community of sunlight and peace of mind. Families live in the Village. Children live in the Village. Economics should not take precedent over people.

Public land should never be given to private corporations, which is what NYU is. This mistake was made once. Let's not compound it. The majority of people in this Village deplore this plan. The majority of teachers at NYU deplore this plan. If Jane Jacobs were alive, she'd be leading the fight. Fortunately, she is not forgotten. Please stand against the NYU Core Plan Application, which is a violation of the Village.

Sincerely,

Douglas Collura
200 E. 24th St., Apt 1002
New York, NY 10010

4/25/12

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Commission:

My name is Dalton Conley, and I am here today to speak to you as a faculty member in the social sciences at NYU. I want to lend my voice to support the approval of NYU's proposed development of the superblocks. This support comes from the dire need for integrated space in the social sciences.

In the last half-decade or so, I have had to move my faculty office three times, from 269 Mercer to 726 Broadway to the Puck Building on Lafayette and Houston Street. Two of those locations have been rentals, where the university has sunk enormous resources into renovating space to make it fit for academic use, displacing departments and people in the process, only to see the investment go to waste once the space is repurposed or the lease ends in our never-ending game of musical chairs. In fact, our lease at the Puck building, where Sociology and the Wagner School of Public Service occupy three floors, is about to end in 3 years, leaving us "homeless" so to speak. This is no way to build or sustain a world-class university. The social sciences at NYU is ranked in the top-ten of all social science divisions by the most-respected, Shanghai World University Rankings. Without a permanent home for all its departments, we risk aborting that raise and slipping out of the world's elite.

Sociology and Wagner could of course move somewhere far from the "core" of the university, but that would be counterproductive to our mission. From my experience over the last few years at Puck, just being that far away from the other social sciences departments has meant fewer collaborations in teaching and research. I don't have to tell this commission that even in an age of wireless communication, propinquity matters when it comes to knowledge work. And though Lafayette Street to Washington Square may not seem like much, in a city where poverty and extreme wealth can reside mere blocks apart, New York City distances are like dog years—one must multiply them by seven to get the real feel of separation. Having more space at our core, then, is critical to maintaining the integrity of the social sciences at NYU.

Before I close, I would like to address the testimony of the faculty who have come out to oppose this plan. While the easy explanation is NIMBYism, there is another force at work here: process. I think that if most of the faculty understood the dire constraints that we face and the tradeoff of *not* building on our existing land, they would not reflexively oppose this plan. My sense is that NYU has arrived at a solution to our space problems that is optimal, but which we came to through less-than-ideal means. Had more faculty been involved in the process itself and had it been less driven my administration officials, you would see few if any professors testifying against it here today. But it's too late for that now. Sometimes one arrives at the right answer through the wrong process. Don't cripple one of New York City's world class universities because its internal communication and governance process were not ideal. Please vote to approve the proposed plan before you.

Respectfully Submitted

Dalton Conley

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Patricia Cooper

PATRICIA COOPER, 2 WASHINGTON Sq. VILLAGE, #12R, NYC 10012

Empire Building for Abu Dhabi? Way not the financial district, which needs help.

VOTE ABSOLUTELY NO!

January 4, 2012

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This is hideous!

Sincerely,

Gail Cooper-Haht aka GAIL SAPLINO

1 WASH. Sq. Village #3A

NY, NY 10012

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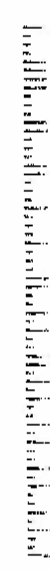
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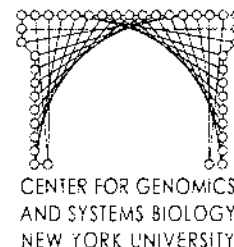
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Testimony of: **Gloria Coruzzi, Carroll & Milton Petrie Professor of Biology**
Stephen Small, Chair and Professor of Biology

Before the New York Planning Commission for the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project

April 24, 2012

Chair Burden and Fellow Commissioners,

As former and present Chairs of NYU's Department of Biology, we are writing to provide information that supports the New York University Core Project. Our testimony and evidence provided underscores the benefits that our department's recent space expansion in the sciences has brought to NYU, and also importantly to New York City.

The Center for Genomics and Systems Biology: NYU's New Science Hub. NYU is defined by its innovative thinkers who push forward the frontiers of nearly every academic discipline. Nowhere is this more evident than at *NYU's Center for Genomics and Systems Biology*, a revolutionary, 62,000-square foot "hub of science" located at the very heart of the Washington Square campus. Beyond its original restored Greenwich Village façade, are state-of-the-art open "loft laboratories" where teams of biologists and computer scientists interact to unleash the extraordinary potential of Systems Biology.

By combining high through-put robotics-enabled experimentation and computational analysis, scientists at the Center analyze whole genomes to decipher a new "systems" level view of the operating systems of microbes, plants, and animals. Current studies range from the identification of the gene networks that control the lives of normal bacteria and disease-causing microbes, to studies on gene-networks controlling nitrogen-use in plants. There are also major projects to understand how gene mutations can interfere with normal embryo development in animals, with applications to humans. The major impacts of these studies are in the fields of human health, human fertility, and the future of energy production.

This recent space expansion in the sciences at NYU has already had specific and quantifiable impacts on NYU and NYC, as detailed below:

Recruitment of 16 new faculty: Expansion of science space at NYU to house the Center for Genomics and Systems Biology enabled NYU to successfully recruit 14 new genomic faculty at the leading edge of genomics research from institutions including Harvard, Stanford and Princeton (see Table 1). It is our opinion that the recently renovated space in the department, including the new Genome Center building, was a crucial attracting point in our negotiations with all these new hires. Notably, this expansion enabled us to successfully compete with MIT for

Successes attributed to NYU construction of Center for Genomics and Systems Biology:

one of our hires, and our most recent recruit was our top choice among 350 applicants in last year's world-wide search.

Dramatic Expansion of Grant support: The success in faculty recruitment has resulted in dramatic growth in grant support for Genomics research at NYU from a total of \$5M grant dollars in 2003, to \$51M grant dollars in 2011 (Table 2). This expansion of grant support is reflected not only in increased funding from federal agencies (NIH, NSF, DOE), but also in a breath of new support from the New York State Stem Cell Initiative, as well as from prestigious foundations including The Ellison Medical Foundation, The McDonnell Foundation, Human Frontiers and others (see Table 3).

Education: Increased training of MS Technicians for the BioTech Industry: NYU's Genome Center expansion has also enabled us to expand our classroom space and course offerings in Genomics and Bioinformatics, a new and important aspect of the Biotech growth industry. NYU's Biology department offers an MS Degree that provides students with training for positions in the Biotech industry by giving them a solid background in molecular biotechnology, genomics and informatics. Students in the program are prepared to compete successfully on the job market and to meet the challenges of any biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical or academic laboratory. Enrollment in this MS program has increased dramatically from an average of 32-43 MS students (2005-2007) to 73-81 MS students (2009-2011).

Outreach to NYC: 2 NYC Intel Finalists: This year, the NYU Genome Center hosted two Intel Finalists and two Intel Semifinalists. Intel STS is the nation's most prestigious pre-college science competition selecting only 40 finalists from 1,839 applicants nation-wide. The Intel finalists -Mimi Yen, who captured third place and was *the first* New York City student to place in the top three since 2005, and Angela Fan, are both pictured with President Obama (see attached photo). Please see the following web site for more information: <http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2012/03/19/nyc-area-high-school-student-working-with-nyu-biologists-captures-third-place-at-intel-science-talent-search.html>

In summary, we believe that NYU's Biology Department has benefitted enormously from the latest expansions in science space that have been undertaken by the University. These investments of space and other resources have enabled us to assemble an extraordinary group of star faculty, and to provide outstanding research and teaching opportunities for our students, which is the whole point of a university. Most importantly, these gains for NYU have been a win for NYC, as already evidenced by increased training of MS students for the BioTech Industry, and the placement of NYC High School students at the top of our nation in the Intel competition. Thus, growth and expansion in Arts and Science are gains not only for NYU, but importantly, for the City of New York.

Dr. Stephen Small



Professor & Chair of Biology
New York University

Dr. Gloria Coruzzi



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Search Year	Faculty Name	Institution	Research Area
2003-04	Patrick Eichenberger	Harvard University	Microbial Genomics
	Ken Bimbaum	NYU Bio/Courant	Plant Genomics
	Mark Siegal	Stanford University	Fly Genomics
	Francesca Chiaromonte* (F)	Penn State	Bioinformatics
2004-05	Michael Purugganan	NC State	Plant Genomics
	Richard Bonneau*	Inst. for Systems Bio	Bioinformatics
2005-06	Edo Kussell**	Rockefeller University	Bioinformatics
	Kristin Gunsalus (F)	Cornell/NYU	Bioinformatics
2006-07	Matthew Rockman	Princeton Genome Center	Animal Genomics
2008-09	David Gresham	Princeton	Microbial Genomics
	Lionel Christiaen	UC-Berkeley	Developmental Genetics
2009-10	Fei Li	UC Berkeley	Molec. Cellular Biology
	Christine Vogel (F)	U Texas	Bioinformatics
	Sevinc Ercan (F)	U of North Carolina	Worm Genomics
2010-11	Jane Carlton (F)	NYU School of Med	Genomics
	Andreas Hochwagen	Whitehead Institute	Yeast Genetics

F = Female

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of CGSB Faculty	3	7	8	10	11	10	11	13	14
Number of CGSB Faculty Grants	2	7	11	16	17	17	29	34	43
CGSB Total Current Awards	4.9M	12.5M	14.6M	18.1M	23.1M	29.8M	36.0M	39.3M	51.6M

Burroughs Wellcome Fund*
Department of Defense*
Department of Energy
Ellison Medical Foundation*
Guggenheim Foundation*
Human Frontier Science Program*
March of Dimes Foundation*
McDonnell Foundation*
National Science Foundation
National Institutes of Health
New York State STEM Program*
Dorothy Schiff Foundation
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation*
Whitehead Foundation
Zegar Family Foundation*

* indicates NEW sources of support from CGSB faculty

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Caption: NYU Center for Genomics hosted 2 NYC Intel finalists. Mimi Yen (first row, second from right) - the third place winner- is the first NYC student to capture a top prize since 2005. Angela Fan (in tan dress next to Obama), identified genes involved in root foraging for nutrients.

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City Planning Commission
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New York, N.Y. 10007

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Opposed to NYU Core Expansion Project

ULURP Application #: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

I ask the City Planning Commission to vote NO on the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

Greenwich Village is a historic residential neighborhood. I am concerned that NYU's enormous plan to change the existing zoning will add inappropriate, huge buildings that will dominate over our neighborhood's existing low- to mid-rise nature and change the character of this long-established and beloved area.

As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association (BAMRA), I am concerned that another change that NYU 2031 would bring are the types of retail attracted to all the new commercial space, especially bars. Noise is one of our biggest problems, and the 10 to 12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and more bars open until late at night will greatly reduce our quality of life.

Please deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks, build approximately two million square feet, take over public land for their own use, and remove existing deed restrictions.

I am not asking NYU not to grow, though simply applying more stringent standards to allow only higher-performing freshmen is certainly one way to make NYU a higher-quality educational institution. But NYU can grow in many other places where exactly the type of building NYU seeks would be better for NYC yet would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Downtown Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx where NYU had a prior campus, and many other locations have all been suggested, and the public officials there would welcome the development that we cannot absorb.

Please vote NO on the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

Sincerely,



KAREN COTTERELLI
128 MacDougal St #AC

April 25, 2012

Testimony of Albert Cotugno
Chairperson, Student Senators Council
New York University – College of Arts and Science
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good afternoon Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

In the brief amount of time I have today, I will do my best to give you a snapshot of a day in the life of a typical NYU student. I should clarify: there is no such thing as a typical NYU student. But I will do my best to share with you some of the common struggles we all face. Particularly, I want to talk about the struggle of dealing with limited space – no, more than that – inadequate space, and how that inadequacy stunts the growth of tomorrow's shapers of society.

So let's say you start your day, as many do, with a lecture in Silver, one of our main buildings for class rooms. Expect to wait five minutes in a sprawling line whether you enter the building from the north side or the south side, and you better get it right, because the elevators on each side of the building go only to specific floors to alleviate the stifling congestion that occurs in the minutes before class. If it's raining, you better have an umbrella, because even with the elevators set the way they are, the line usually extends out of the building and onto the sidewalk.

Now a couple hours go by, and you're out of class. You just finished learning something interesting, and later you want to review. Maybe an exam is approaching. But if that's true, expect that all of the space in the library will be occupied. Most universities ensure enough study space for one quarter of their students. For us, that would mean 9,600 seats, but today, we have only about 3,000 seats. There's never enough room to study, and this has been a serious problem as long as I can remember.

But there's more to the student experience at NYU than academics. With over 300 clubs and activities just on the University-wide level (there are many others at the school level), the diverse interests that are reflected in the various organizations we have on campus are at the heart of what makes our community special. But groups on campus need space to meet and to host programs, and the deficit here is crippling. If you don't book a room a year in advance, and I'm not exaggerating, your club should not expect to find somewhere to meet. You're out of luck for this year. Students have been pushing their elected representatives to do something about this since before I came to NYU, but there's nothing we can do about it. The University's hands are tied, and so are ours.

Another issue on campus is the state of the Coles Athletic Facility. Every major University provides its students with facilities to work out, practice sports, and foster

good physical health. Coles is unacceptably behind the state of the art. Not only is it small, but the facilities are outdated. We need a new gym.

I'll wrap up by saying that I really appreciate that you are considering a plan that will help students do the things they love. NYU students cherish the place they have in the city and consider themselves New Yorkers through and through, members of the community. I know I'd prefer to sit in Washington Square Park with all its various people than on some private University green. This plan also puts more public green space near our buildings, so there is more space for us to share with the community. I know I won't be here to enjoy it, but I have felt the need for a plan like this ever since coming to NYU. I hope you will allow our University to serve its students better by permitting us to improve our facilities and add the space we so desperately need. Thank you.

February 6, 2012

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Vincent Coggino & Elaine M. Coggino

505 La Guardia Pl, 196 NYC

PLEASE VOTE NO THANK YOU

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Our neighborhood is already suffering from over-saturation of college students. Sidewalks are blocked, inexpensive restaurants have youths congregating outside, trash cans are overflowing -- the whole complexion of our area has been changed & given over to these people. Now Cooper Union has begun construction of their 22-story tower at Gator Place, at the corner of 3rd Ave. More people pouring into this area without any increased service facilities. What happened to the "Commitment to the Village"? The trustees & officers of NYU are...

in grandiosity that NYU's vast money can buy, this
is not a mid-western school with unlimited land
serving all the residents of its state.

Have some consideration for the residents who are
being squeezed out of this once beautiful area.

Thank you —

R. Lane

70 East 10th St. NYC 10003

Turn down NYU's expansion plan !!

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John J. Creedon
Retired President and
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May 2, 2012

Dear Chair Burden:

As a native of New York City for 88 years as of August 1, 2012 and a graduate of New York University, I write to request your support of NYU's long range plan (2031) designed to meet its continuing needs for growth, especially for academic space in and around the Washington Square area.

My introduction to NYU began shortly after my discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1946 and has continued now for 66 years. My NYU education was all at night, while working during the day at MetLife and living in Stuyvesant Town with my family. I graduated from the business school in 1952, the law school in 1955, followed by an LL.M in 1962 and a position as adjunct professor in the law school for about 10 years.

NYU and my MetLife career were coterminous—a mail desk job to start in 1942, followed by various clerical positions, a move to the law department in 1955, to general counsel in 1973 (allowed no time for my NYU teaching) then to Executive Vice President and finally President and CEO in 1983. At NYU my teaching was replaced by service as Trustee on both the Law School and University Boards.

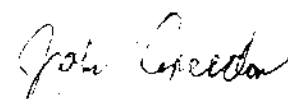
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In the intervening years since 1946, I've proudly witnessed NYU become a global university and MetLife a global insurer. Many people with vision and energy in the university and on its board, have over the years contributed to NYU's success. In recent years, John Sexton, President and Martin Lipton, Chairman of NYU's Board of Trustees, have accelerated the pace of progress and are generally recognized as "the ones who made globalization happen". And they, along with the current board and management, are the ones who have developed and approved Plan 2031 as a vehicle for the future NYU.

I have great confidence in the current NYU team who strongly recommend the plan. I also believe based on my own experience and observations, the Washington Square core is a unique aspect of both the University and Manhattan which the University needs for its academic future.

In conclusion, I fully support Plan 2031 and would gratefully appreciate your help in moving it forward.

Thank you very much


John J. Creedon

January 4, 2012

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CARL CRUMP

332 E 11th St #2, 10003

My name is Kay Cummings and I am an Associate Arts professor at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts in the Department of Dance. Our Department and our school are healthy, growing places with great students who are talented, motivated and passionate about learning their craft and expressing their art. The sad thing is that we cannot give them what they need – not because we don't want to – or even can't afford to – but because we lack the space to teach them. Our school and our department need more space to grow, just like any growing family does and the plan which is being debated today, while not at all perfect, contains space for us to grow. It's as simple as that. We are an island. We cannot expand horizontally; when our house is too small we must expand vertically on the land we have around us. No plan will be perfect, no plan will please everyone but this plan is trying to speak to the very real needs of an institution that serves our neighborhood and our city, culturally, economically and socially. It finds a way to speak to the needs of many current and future students as well as the needs which continue to make the Village a place that is vibrant and filled with the future.

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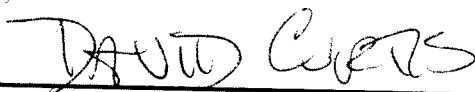
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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Greenwich Village, I vehemently oppose the expansion of NYU. As an apartment owner, I fear the value of my apartment will decrease, not only from the noise of years of construction, but from the ~~over~~ increase in the (local) student population it will bring.

Why not bring the campus expansion to West St or more downtown in a less populated part of the city?

The only test-factors for NYU in the village will be the pizza places it loses.

I refuse to live in an even larger college campus than I already am!

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Sincerely,

Scott D

resident & owner of
an apartment at 77 Bleecker St

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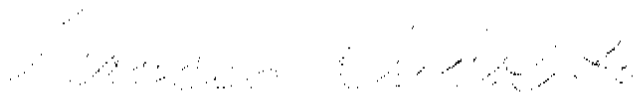
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March 19, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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Dear Hon. Chair of the City Planning Commission

I am writing regarding my great concern about the NYU 2031 expansion plan. As a member of the NYU faculty, a resident of Greenwich Village, and a mother-to-be, I strongly oppose this plan for its extremely deleterious consequences upon our local environment, community, and quality of life.

The proposed buildings on the 'superblocks' will massively shrink the amount of open and green space that currently exists – which is already in short supply in this neighborhood. Furthermore, the cycle of demolition and construction laid out in the plan for a period of twenty years will make the entire area unlivable for the hundreds of families who live in the Silver Towers, Washington Square Village, and neighboring buildings. I am particularly worried about public health issues caused by the increase in dust and other particulate matter near the vicinity of my home. Finally, the LaGuardia community garden, the Sasaki garden, and the children's key park, which are all threatened to be demolished and built over by this plan, are priceless assets that occupy a significant place in the daily lives of our residential community. The uniquely residential character of the neighborhood is what attracted me to move to NYU last year and start a family here.

As a citizen of this great city and a resident of this great borough, I am relying on the wisdom and foresight of my elected representatives to think about the needs of all of its residents. This plan will affect thousands of people for the next many decades. I urge you to take the Community Board 2's recommendation seriously and oppose NYU's plan of expansion, VOTING NO to NYU 2031.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sonia Das
Assistant Professor
100 Bleecker Street
New York, NY 10012

Good afternoon. My name is Emily DaSilva and I am a graduating senior in New York University's College of Arts and Science. I have provided the following statement in keen support of NYU's 2031 expansion proposal.

As a student of theatre, literature and music, I am deeply sympathetic toward the tremendous historical achievements of the Greenwich Village. These monuments are the very reason I transferred to NYU in my junior year of college. But when I began at NYU, I faced what were for me two highly unusual oppositions: the first, that there was a common notion among students that "NYU has no community," and the second, that as a new member of my college's student council, it was impossible to find a place to host student programs.

I learned quickly that I had entered NYU at a unique time in its history. Some of you may be familiar with NYU's initiative to establish a global network university, one that will compliment today's increasing internationality and foster the benefits of having access to the world's highest intellect. For such a brilliant (and perhaps even ahead-of-its-time) idea in higher education, it made no sense to me that my school—extremely enthusiastic about giving its students the *world* as their campus—was so stifled in providing us with the same quality of learning, living and growing at home on Washington Square.

Then, of course, I found out about NYU 2031; a plan that I would subsequently hear local Greenwich Village residents shouting about to each other everywhere I turned. The plan floored me with its vast idea for expansion. So as I pursued my love of involvement in student life, challenging my peers' (and my parents') pathetic assumption that cohesive community could not exist at a school with no walled-in campus, I realized the issue was not that student life could not exist here; there just presently is no physical place for it to begin.

I don't feel as though I need to convince you of the benefits of community. But I'd like to share with you an issue that hits home for me, student safety, which is a direct result of community at NYU.

One of the student life facets I became involved in this year was residential life. I use "was" in the past tense intentionally. Last week, I made the painful decision to step down from my role as a leader for my upperclassmen residents after the wellness of my resident and myself was compromised in a highly unsafe situation. I'll spare you my story about how I have never in my life resigned from any commitment, but what you need to know is the following: NYU residential life and NYU's office of health and wellness are in fact fantastic, reputable institutions. Yet, in an effort to create community at NYU, the administrators of student life have pushed these departments to carry the weight of planning most NYU student activities. Last week, in my time of urgency and anxiety, both of these departments were busy with responsibilities to a week promoting tolerance for LGBTQ students... a cause about which I am passionate, but not the job of either of these departments in the wake of a student emergency.

Rather than feeling resentment towards the establishments I felt had fallen through on me, I realized something far more important: I wanted change. NYU has never more than today, within and beyond this circumstance, needed change: change that will give its departments the full reign

to focus on the purposes for which they were instated. But this can only happen if they have *space* to do so.

My school's administrators have been genuine in their desire to promote student community; and they were wise to utilize the largest professionally run departments at NYU to initially make community a reality. Now, more blatantly than ever, it's time for the next step. The need for community is here; otherwise wellness would not be as enormous a concern as it is. But we have to have the rooms to plan programs and events. We have to have the outdoor parks and the hallways to interact, to exchange ideas, to *support* each other. NYU 2031 is not asking to impose a clichéd-gated campus in the Greenwich Village. It not attempting to take away or distract from any community the Village deems it has. But for Village residents so seemingly passionate about the prospect of community here, I ask that you please consider it is what we NYU students are asking for too.

I'm not in the minority for, as I said before, having come to this school so that I too could be thrown into the depths of the cultural epicenter of the world. And if you ask me what I want to do with my life post-graduation (2 weeks from today), I want to be that next downtown luminary. I am *not* alone with this aspiration. NYU needs 2031 to keep these visions here, to keep the village booming with creation and to keep us on our intellectual toes. This plan is not about aestheticism and it should not be about one school versus a district. I see NYU 2031 as a chance for the *much* needed development of a community. And if you're not growing, you're dying.

Thank you.

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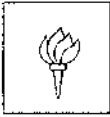
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May 5, 2012

Department of City Planning
Hon. Amanda M. Burden, Chair
22 Reade Street, 6th floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Burden:

As a faculty member at NYU and as a resident in Greenwich Village, I urge that the City Planning Commission reject the plan of the NYU administration to build four new buildings on the blocks between Mercer St., La Guardia Place, 3rd Street, and Houston Street.

This plan is strongly opposed both by most neighborhood groups and by most of NYU's own faculty. To date, the faculty of two divisions and twenty six departments have voted resolutions against the plan, in every case by an overwhelming majority. Many concerns have been raised, including:

- NYU has not explained why it needs two million square feet of space in this neighborhood, or what it will be used for.
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- This massive construction project will create serious problems, particularly health problems, for those living near it. NYU's proposed mitigations do not adequately address these.
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As a homeowner and business owner in this neighborhood, I beg you to please not let this happen here. Thank you.

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Mitch Davis, esq.

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NYC 10012

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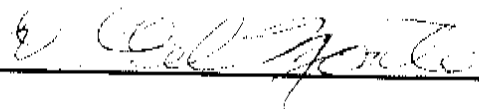
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MY TESTIMONY to the City Planning Commission and the City Council

Date - 04/25/12 -

Hello Commissioners, and Counselors, and thank you for giving me the opportunity today to speak about a great concern of mine. I strongly urge you to vote 'NO' on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan. This plan takes the wrong approach for the Village, for New York City, and even for NYU.

I appeal before you today as a junior student at NYU Tisch, along with my group at NYU: 'Students with NYC community,' a coalition of NYU students concerned about the university's impact upon its surrounding community and opposed to its massive expansion plans, as well as the impact they would have on Greenwich Village. We are worried that our school isn't respecting our community. I love my education in filmmaking, but I cannot but feel responsible for the total lack of consideration NYU is showing to community life in the Village. NYU's 'Massive Expansion Plan' is inconsiderate in regards to the layout of the West Village, and irresponsible.

This plan would have unwanted consequences on the NYU community life. Not only would we be in a construction zone for the next 20 years, but also, we would destroy the very culture that makes NYU such a fun campus. Were we to go along with the development plan, the village would soon be rid of its much-prized cultural backdrop. I came to study at NYU because of NYC. I will not just stand by NYU while my university destroys entire communities. This is far too ambitious a project for any small-scale neighborhood such as the Village. I demand NYU reconsiders its plans, and chooses another location.

In addition, I have lived in the Village for more than five years, and I know that the people that live here enjoy the community aspect of the neighborhood. It is after all a Village and should stay a Village. The students enjoy the open air when studying, and the families enjoy taking their kids to the parks. If NYU tramples on the zoning laws of this neighborhood, it will, by that same token, cast a great shadow on the daily life of all who live there. Also, the City Planning Commission knows NYU is posing a direct breach to the zoning laws and regulations of the West Village.

I'm a New Yorker! And New York is first and foremost many neighborhoods with each its particular character. When I see what NYU is about to inflict on the West Village, a residential and historical neighborhood, I feel guilty to be a part of a school that is hurting its community. I don't want that. As a matter of fact, NYU doesn't want that either. I cannot believe they will be proud in the future to see they disfigured a neighborhood that had such charm.

Furthermore, there are alternatives that have more positive benefits for both parties. NYU could be seen as the developer that lifted a community to its feet. The city has identified areas such as the Financial District, Downtown Brooklyn, Long Island City, and Hudson Yards as places where long-term, large-scale growth is not only desirable, but also necessary. Community leaders in many of these areas have said that they would welcome NYU. NYU development in these areas would have greater economic benefits and fewer negative impacts.

The City Planning Commission is supposed to want the best for NYC. NYU cannot be allowed to continue to swallow up and dominate more and more of this vital historic, low-rise neighborhood. This is not a plan that is good for anyone's future. Say 'No' to this plan, send it back to the drawing board, and work with NYU to find a plan that is sustainable, sensitive, and right for the future of New York City.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nicolas de Mones

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Sent: 04/11/2012 15:59:32
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: denkensohn@sewkis.com (Michael Denkensohn)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Michael Denkensohn (denkensohn@sewkis.com) on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 15:59:32

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Middle Name: P
Last Name: Denkensohn
Street Address: 1025 Fifth Avenue
Address Number: 11FN
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10028
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-249-8777
Email Address: denkensohn@sewkis.com

Message: As the President of the New York University Alumni Association and a resident of the city of New York, I wish to advise you of my unequivocal support for the NYU 2031 Plan. I believe that this initiative will not only have a positive result for the university in terms of its mission; but, it will also be very beneficial to the overall New York economy.

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-741381806 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 4:00:32 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-741381806

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Middle Name: P
Last Name: Denkensohn
Street Address: 1025 Fifth Avenue
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State: NY
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727690933 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:49:49 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:24 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727690933 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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From: heleneaudrey@aol.com (Helene Denton)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Helene Denton (heleneaudrey@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 13:21:28

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Helene
Last Name: Denton
Street Address: 300 Mercer Street
Address Number: 6H
City: New Yorj
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-533-7692
Email Address: heleneaudrey@aol.com

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January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Barbara T. Devaney — Vote NO on

the destruction of our parks, gardens

and mature trees, etc.

May 2, 2012.

Dear City Planning Commissioners,

Please vote "NO" on this horrific proposal of NYU! Save our trees, save our gardens, save the historic Sasaki gardens, save our public space, save NYU's student tuition, save our wonderful Village, save our residential area, save us from becoming a college campus!!!

Please, please save our neighborhood,
to the right thing and

VOTE "NO" to NYU 2031!

Barbara Devaney
520 LeGuardia Place
New York, N.Y. 10012

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-744007571 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Monday, April 23, 2012 9:57:00 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-744007571

DATE RECEIVED: 04/23/2012 09:54:50

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Subject: < No Subject >

From: jdevitt24@gmail.com (James Devitt)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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James Devitt (jdevitt24@gmail.com) on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 09:54:26

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: James
Middle Name: M
Last Name: Devitt
Company: NYU
Street Address: 76 Wendt Ave
Address Number: 3A
City: Larchmont
State: NY
Postal Code: 10538
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 9145223774
Extension: James
Email Address: jdevitt24@gmail.com

Message: Dear Council Member Margaret Chin, Speaker Christine Quinn, and Chair Amanda Burden: I have worked at NYU for nearly a decade and lived in the New York City area for 15 years. I am writing to express my support for NYU's 2031 Core Expansion Plan. Undoubtedly, great cities benefit from great universities and vice versa. This is especially the case here. With this in mind, I urge you to support this plan--it is well-conceived, responsive to feedback from the community, and vital to the future of both the University and the City. The NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the surrounding community in several ways: 1. It responsibly builds on the University's own property and does not further extend into Greenwich Village; 2. It creates enhanced and more usable open space; and 3. Donates land for a future public school. Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan. Sincerely, James Devitt

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February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

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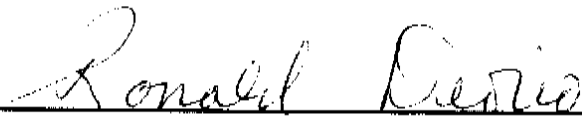
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Sincerely,







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Dennis Di Lorenzo *Vice Dean*

April 23, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York New York 10007

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

It is with great pleasure that I address you today regarding NYU 2031, the crucial and innovative capital plan of New York University. As Co-Interim Dean of the NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies (NYU-SCPS), I fully support NYU 2031 as a necessary trajectory for both NYU and New York City.

NYU 2031 will enable the university to continue its mission of being a highly competitive research and teaching university whose students are the future (and current) workforce of the professional and cultural industries that make New York City one of the greatest intellectual and professional capitals of the world. NYU-SCPS has a long and rich history in serving the many industries that are integral to the landscape of New York and, by extension, the world. From Real Estate to Arts Appraisal, NYU-SCPS is responsible for training and retraining the workforce that sustains the professions that make New York a thriving, competitive, professional, artistic, and competitive city.

Educating a workforce whose success requires highly advanced skill sets is challenging. In our portfolio of non-credit continuing education courses alone, we educate approximately 28,500 students annually who take approximately 4,900 course sections. When combined with the courses that serve students in the School's 14 graduate and two undergraduate programs, the physical infrastructure requirements are significant.

Currently, NYU-SCPS occupies space at three major locations: 7 East 12th Street, which is an NYU-owned facility and 11 West 42nd Street and 15 Barclay Street (The Woolworth Building), both leased spaces. The SCPS Building at 7 East 12th Street is a newly renovated location and opened officially in September 2011. The SCPS Building project represents NYU's commitment to creating greater efficiencies within its current footprint to maximize use of space to meet its diverse needs. Prior to NYU-SCPS occupying 7 East 12th Street, NYU-SCPS operated out of 10 different Washington Square-adjacent Village

locations. In the early planning stages of an NYU-SCPS consolidation, 7 East 12th Street was identified because it could be used to create classrooms as well as academic support space; originally it housed only NYU administrative units but these units were easily relocated to buildings that were not zoned for classroom use.

While the opening of the SCPS building has been transformational for all our constituencies, especially students and faculty, it still has not satisfied the many requirements of our robust program offerings. In order to meet these demands, NYU-SCPS must still rent additional classroom space at Norman Thomas High School and various locations across the City. While NYU-SCPS is appreciative of the partnership it has with the New York City Board of Education, the classrooms made available are generally not conducive to the pedagogical and technological demands of a 21st-century, industry-based curriculum.

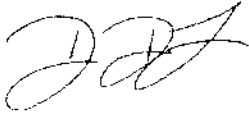
The faculty are faced with many challenges while teaching in these spaces. Though they are excellent at overcoming many of these issues to ensure the best quality education, using these spaces is not a sustainable practice. Additionally, as the School is already challenged in the amount of physical infrastructure available for programming, it becomes difficult to imagine meeting the ever-escalating demands for instruction as the industries we serve grow and evolve. It is imperative that NYU's classroom inventory keep pace with future needs if we are to continue to meet the needs of industry and the City.

It is important to note that NYU-SCPS appoints approximately 2,500 adjunct faculty annually. These individuals, who are a cornerstone of the School's programming, are industry practitioners who are dedicated to advancing the fields of study in which they are engaged. It is an ongoing challenge for NYU-SCPS to offer these faculty support spaces to meet with their students, plan curriculum, or review student work. While we are committed to supporting their needs, the ratio of adjunct faculty to available faculty-support, square-footage is quite low: NYU-SCPS has only 60 communal workstations across the School available to adjunct professors.

In conclusion, while NYU-SCPS takes pride in its core social and educational mission of serving the diverse populations of New York City with dynamic programming, the School is dependent upon the implementation of NYU 2031; if not implemented, NYU-SCPS will eventually be forced to reduce its offerings significantly. This would surely have a detrimental impact on the many New Yorkers who count on and take advantage of NYU-SCPS programs, as well as on the faculty who teach them.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for the NYU 2031 plan and for being able to share my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Di Lorenzo', written in a cursive style.

Dennis Di Lorenzo
Vice Dean, School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Co-Interim Dean, School of Continuing and Professional Studies

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-746679247 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, May 03, 2012 1:42:34 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-746679247

DATE RECEIVED: 05/03/2012 13:41:42

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: dinerfamily@hotmail.com (Hasia diner)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Hasia
Middle Name: R
Last Name: diner
Company: new york university
Street Address: 4 Washington Square Village
Address Number: 8L
City: new york
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 614 8853
Email Address: dinerfamily@hotmail.com

Message: As a resident of Washington Square village and a faculty member at NYU I want to express my opposition to NYUs 2031 plan for aesthetic, economic, and environmental reasons. I hope that you, custodians of the quality of life in this city, will do all you can to ensure that the plan does not get approved and then disrupt the lives of so many people and harm the quality of life in a neighborhood that is so central to New York.

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April 26, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairperson Burden:

I am writing this letter in regards to the NYU 2031 Expansion Plan. While I appreciate NYU's commitment to its student body, I do not think their expansion plan would be beneficial to the neighborhood. Furthermore, it appears that the views of merchants like myself were in fact *not* taken into account, contrary to the statement made by the Chamber of Commerce, a body that has, in my experience, repeatedly proved to be self-serving and interested only in seizing money for itself in the short term, at the expense of tourists, visitors, commuters and small businesses.

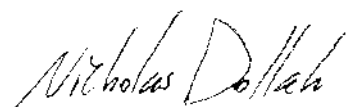
I co-own and operate a small shop on Thompson Street; it is very popular with foreign tourists, but gets little business from locals or students, although they generally like our store. Two days ago, I was informed by Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick that the Chamber of Commerce supposedly approached local merchants to get their views on the expansion project. Neither my business partner nor I were aware of this, and Ms. Glick informed me that it appears that *nobody* in our part of the Village was aware of this. Either the Chamber of Commerce missed our neighborhood, or it never actually bothered to conduct the survey. In any case, the statement that "local merchants have no problem with the expansion project" is patently false. We, and all the local merchants with whom we've spoken, are unanimously opposed to NYU's expansion plan.

As I stated above, *our shop makes its living primarily on sales to foreign tourists*, who usually find us after a stroll through Washington Square Park. They are interested in a glimpse of "Old Greenwich Village." Because we sell neither food nor liquor, our sales to locals are very seldom. Students like our shop, but have little money to spend and rarely buy anything over \$5.00.

The expansion project would change the landscape of the neighborhood, making it look too much like Lower Manhattan to attract the tourists who frequent our shop. Furthermore, construction is expected to take 19 years, causing crippling disruption to all the businesses in the area. The closing of streets for street festivals causes plenty of disruption; the closing of streets for months at a stretch would be devastating.

These are our concerns. We hope that you will make it clear to NYU that their expansion project needs to be better thought-out. I suggest that they try an "urban renewal" approach, buying and renovating some of the empty buildings, thus providing low-cost student housing without sacrificing the charm or disrupting business on a large scale as their current plan would do. If necessary, I would be happy to conduct the survey the Chamber of Commerce failed to do, getting the names and contact information of all businesses in the overlooked neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Dollak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicholas Dollak
Co-owner, Little Lebowski Shop
215 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012
(212) 388-1466

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,



Taylor Donohue

162 Bentley street, Staten Island, 10307

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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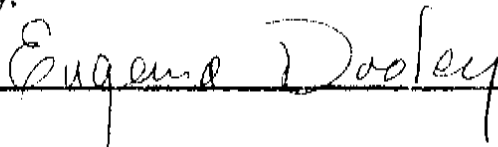
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From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725255657 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:23:00 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:54 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725255657 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 12:55 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725255657 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-725255657

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RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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From: dardowling@gmail.com (darlene dowling)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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darlene dowling (dardowling@gmail.com) on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 00:53:58

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: darlene
Last Name: dowling
Street Address: 65 downing st
Address Number: d
City: ny
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Email Address: dardowling@gmail.com

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January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

**OFFICE OF THE
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Sincerely,

Lesley Doyel (LESLEY DOYEL)

404 West 20th Street

NYC, NY 10011

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-734834355 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:02:24 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 11:09 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-734834355 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-734834355

DATE RECEIVED: 03/16/2012 11:07:24

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Sent: 03/16/2012 11:07:15
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: lesley@lyrichord.com (Lesley Doyel)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lesley Doyel (lesley@lyrichord.com) on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11:07:15

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Lesley
Middle Name: A
Last Name: Doyel
Company: Save Chesea
Street Address: PO Box 1315 Old Chelsea Station
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10113-1315
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-404-8290
Email Address: lesley@lyrichord.com

Message: NYU's massive Village expansion plan would have a tremendously negative impact upon the entire Village and the surrounding SoHo, NoHo, Union Square, Chelsea, and East Village communities. Better alternatives such as the Financial District have been proposed. Thousands of people have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan. Given this extraordinary level of concern about this plan, we urge you to hold a public hearing before issuing your recommendation on the plan. We believe it would be helpful to hear directly from people about about this proposal. We in the Chelsea neighborhood are facing similar crisis of overdevelopment, and feel that NYUs massive expansion plan sets dangerous precedents for all of us in New York City - a public forum at this time is essential! Regardless, we urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan. Sincerely, Lesley Doyel Justin Hoy, Co-Presidents, Save Chelsea

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732554015 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:38:37 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:37 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732554015 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-732554015

DATE RECEIVED: 03/07/2012 12:35:17

DATE DUE: 03/21/2012 12:36:39

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: jtdinnyc@netzero.net (John Doyle)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by John Doyle (jtdinnyc@netzero.net) on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 12:34:53

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: John
Middle Name: T
Last Name: Doyle
Street Address: 303 W 11 St
Address Number: 3E
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-691-4097
Email Address: jtdinnyc@netzero.net

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections. The expansionist presence of NYU mostly benefits real-estate developers like NYU by hearing steep residential and commercial rent hikes - local and creative businesses, stores, cafes, restaurants that make the fabric of the Village so attractive to both residents and visitors are pushed away by downgraded "students joints" and chain stores following NYU's expansion.

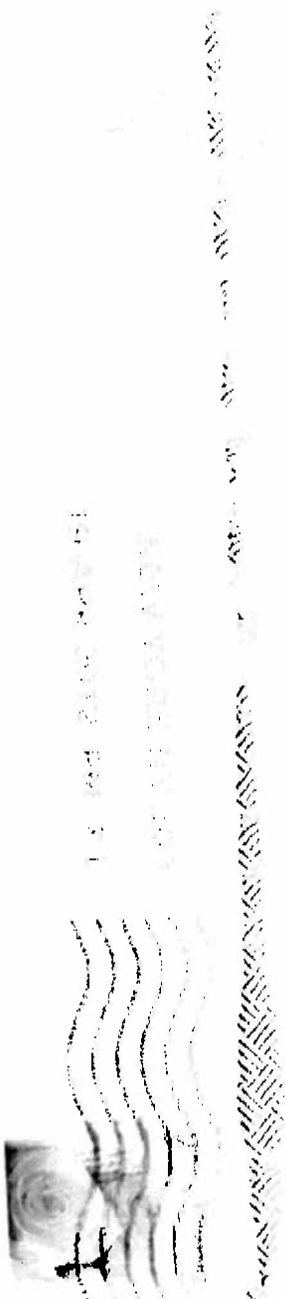
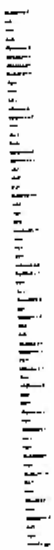
Sincerely,

Isabelle Duchesne, Ph.D.

Dr. Isabelle Duchesne
30 Charlton St. Apt. 2M
New York, NY 10014-4925

Hon. Amanda Borker
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Beale Street
New York, NY 10007

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Testimony of Scott Dwyer
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

The current superblocks are monolithic failures for which the City, the community, private developers and NYU were all to blame. In a recent zoning article by the Wall Street Journal's architectural editor and critic Julie Lovine, their style was characterized as "a misstep, a deadening tower-in-a-plaza motif that resulted in wide and windswept public spaces avoided by pedestrians". The presence of these hulking residential structures protecting private, walled-off gardens in a neighborhood that has historically brought the public together in a chaotic patchwork of streets, is a travesty. But we can't recreate what's long gone, nor should we. We must move forward, work with what we have, to improve, to change, and to grow. NYU's Core Project efficiently maximizes the space above and below ground with much needed academic facilities. At the same time, it *returns* land to the public in the form of parks and gardens which have incorporated better, modern-day urban planning theories. As a neighborhood resident since 1997 and property owner since 2011, I would hate to kill an opportunity to correct the mistakes of the last century for the sake of perpetuating a nice, comfortable place where everything stays the same. If I wanted that neighborhood, I'd have fled to the suburbs years ago.

NYU has been and will probably continue to be a resident of Greenwich Village longer than anyone in this room. While the focus of this hearing is the project's local impact, we cannot forget the University's global reach as a hub of world-class education and research. Preventing or limiting this project and thereby handicapping the University in New York now, will cause undue harm in the future, to communities around the globe that will benefit from the advances and breakthroughs that only a fully-resourced University can offer.

Thank you for your time.

February 2, 2012

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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Paula Caplan 39-51 4th St -
Chairman Supervisor
1/14/12

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In a 14 year Village resident (and NYU graduate), I have been stunned by NYU's continued and conspicuous disregard for the community's wishes with a proposal to be planned with the constant appropriation of public space and absolutely no gain for you. Even the community center will be on the edge of the site and free and open to the community.

Sincerely,
Mythron E. Williams (Chairman)
247 972 So. 4th St.
New York, NY 10013

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30 E 9th St. #2AA
NY, NY 10003

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Hon. Amanda Barden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-733263727 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Special Agency Projects/Initiatives
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:45:46 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:36 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-733263727 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Special Agency Projects/Initiatives

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-733263727

DATE RECEIVED: 03/10/2012 09:34:10

DATE DUE: 03/24/2012 09:35:31

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From: Irit.Edelman-Novemsky@nyumc.org (Irit Edelman-Novemsky)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Irit Edelman-Novemsky (Irit.Edelman-Novemsky@nyumc.org) on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 09:33:39

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Special Agency Projects/Initiatives
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Irit
Last Name: Edelman-Novemsky
Street Address: 110 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 6B
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: Irit.Edelman-Novemsky@nyumc.org

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January 4, 2012

**OFFICE OF THE
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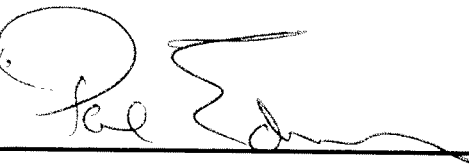
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88 Bedford St 3F

NYC 10012

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Sincerely,

Maurice J. Edwards

Please don't let NYU destroy our neighborhood!!!

Let them build in the financial district — it will be better for the whole city!!!

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MAY 8th 2012

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There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District or Downtown Brooklyn are considerably greater, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met. Twenty years of construction in the middle of a residential neighborhood would have an unbelievably damaging effect, while commercial areas like those mentioned could much more easily bear such impacts.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

I have lived in the Village 30 years with my husband and raised my kids here. I have good friends in the building - young people who want to start a family. They do not want to raise their family in a construction zone. Young people will not move into this area if their plan goes through. How can you do this - how can you let our community die!

Please vote NO. The faculty of NYU don't want to raise their families in a construction zone and are against this plan.

Sincerely,

*Remainder of Paul Edwards.
The quality of life will be destroyed if this plan happens.*

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Bonnie Egan

65 Second Avenue, #5C
New York, NY 10003-8616
(212) 473-8281 FAX (212) 505-6005
bonnieegan@aol.com

April 22, 2012

Hon Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to vote NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion in the Village. Harvard philosopher Michael J. Sandel wrote:

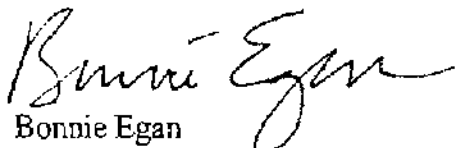
"We are in the grip of a way of looking at the world and social life and even personal relations that is dominated by economic ways of thinking. That's an impoverished way of looking at the world."

This is at the heart of the widespread opposition to this assault on the Village neighborhood. Indeed, the problem with NYU's plan is that it leaves any consideration for people out, including its own students and faculty, as well as the people who live and/or work in the Village.

I'm sure that you are receiving many messages with all the reasons this expansion plan should be rejected. That other parts of the City would welcome NYU should be compelling as well because this neighborhood has had enough. Please don't let NYU and all their money convince you to let them ruin our lives in the Village.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,


Bonnie Egan

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Sheila Ehlinger

2 Washington Square Vill. 10E

NY NY 10012

February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

~~Ashley [Signature]~~ (MAHA ELTOBGY 300 Mercer St NY 10003)
My family and I have lived in Greenwich Village for over 10 years and intend to continue to make this community our home. We object to NYU's expansion plans as they threaten to make the neighborhood uninhabitable. Please vote no on this plan.

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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JAN 31 2012

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Sincerely,

Walter Elver (Greenwich Village resident since 1963)

11 Fifth Ave

New York, NY 10003

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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New York, NY 10007

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Coincidentally, just today I went to the Cooper-Hewitt curated exhibit at the U.N. regarding many urban plans – worldwide – in which communities have been greatly changed, with very sensitive attention to the character of the communities involved. NYU's plan is insensitive to the Village community.

Sincerely,

JM Elvers

(Resident of Greenwich Village since 1963)

11 Fifth Ave

Nyc 10003

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740894457 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Monday, April 09, 2012 9:49:21 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740894457

DATE RECEIVED: 04/09/2012 21:48:21

DATE DUE: 04/23/2012 21:49:17

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/09/2012 21:48:16
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: mahutner@yahoo.com (Marc Emert-Hutner)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marc Emert-Hutner (mahutner@yahoo.com) on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 21:48:16

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Marc
Last Name: Emert-Hutner
Street Address: 77 Bleecker St
Address Number: 514
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: mahutner@yahoo.com

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February 2, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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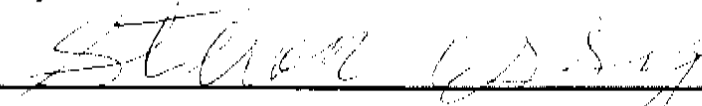
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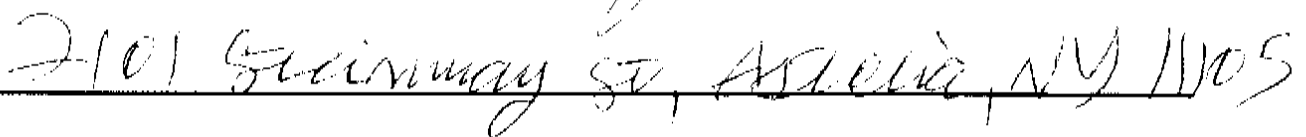
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727691220 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:49:58 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 1:46 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727691220 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727691220

DATE RECEIVED: 02/15/2012 13:45:13

DATE DUE: 02/29/2012 13:45:37

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/15/2012 13:44:13
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: tamiesson@gmail.com (Tami Esson)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Tami Esson (tamiesson@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 13:44:13

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Tami
Middle Name: L
Last Name: Esson
Street Address: 112 Greene Street
Address Number: 4
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: tamiesson@gmail.com

Message: I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village. This is a community with several families and allowing this to happen would be incomprehensible.

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January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
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New York, NY 10007

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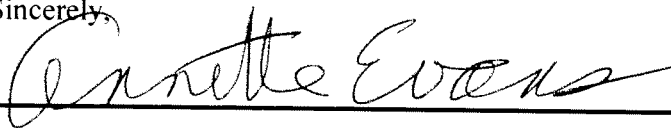
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New York NY 10012

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730707791 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:19 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 5:36 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730707791 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730707791

DATE RECEIVED: 02/28/2012 17:35:13

DATE DUE: 03/13/2012 17:36:02

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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Sent: 02/28/2012 17:35:02
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: mariafahey@verizon.net (Maria Fahey)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Maria Fahey (mariafahey@verizon.net) on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 17:35:02

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Maria
Last Name: Fahey
Street Address: 61 Jane Street 17C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-741-1686
Email Address: mariafahey@verizon.net

Message: Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740337408 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 4:50:07 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740337408

DATE RECEIVED: 04/06/2012 16:48:42

DATE DUE: 04/20/2012 16:50:03

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/06/2012 16:47:58
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: herbert.fein@verizon.net (Herbert Fein)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Herbert Fein (herbert.fein@verizon.net) on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 16:47:58

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint

Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Mr.

First Name: Herbert

Last Name: Fein

Company: na

Street Address: 137 west 15th street

Address Number: 4F

City: new york

State: NY

Postal Code: 10011

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 2127412816

Email Address: herbert.fein@verizon.net

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729356022 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:27:09 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 8:19 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729356022 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729356022

DATE RECEIVED: 02/22/2012 20:17:47

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Subject: < No Subject >

From: Lfeldstein@earthlink.net (Laura Feldstein)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Laura Feldstein (Lfeldstein@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 20:17:13

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Laura
Last Name: Feldstein
Street Address: 39 bond st
City: Nyc
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2127773039
Email Address: Lfeldstein@earthlink.net
Message: Nyu should listen to community opposition and scale back their plan

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January 4, 2012

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Sherry Felix (Sherry Felix)
50 Hovatio St #12 NY 10014

Make Greenwich Village historic

Washington Sq Park is not NYU's property

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Ade Ferrer

NYU faculty member since 1995

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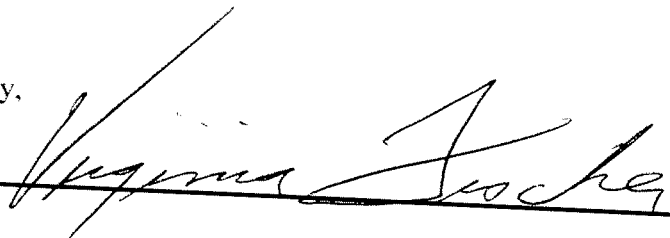
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34-38 33rd St., Astoria, NY 11106

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Nancy Fisher (Morton St)

*This would be a disaster! Let NYU expand
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in The Village! + feed up*

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-720507150 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:47:12 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 5:44 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-720507150 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-720507150

DATE RECEIVED: 01/16/2012 17:42:55

DATE DUE: 01/30/2012 17:44:20

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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Sent: 01/16/2012 17:42:12
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: openny3@gmail.com (Michael Fisher)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Michael Fisher (openny3@gmail.com) on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 17:42:12

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Middle Name: R
Last Name: Fisher
Street Address: 45 Christopher Street
Address Number: 16-C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014-3587
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-691-7847
Email Address: openny3@gmail.com

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730707431 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:12 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 5:04 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730707431 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Middle Name: R
Last Name: Fisher
Street Address: 45 Christopher Street
Address Number: 16-C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014-3587
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-691-7847
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nyc 10002

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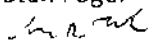
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There is another issue that should be addressed and I don't believe that Mr. Sexton or any of his associates have done so. As you know we are currently facing a massive student debt burden which will exacerbate our already serious debt crisis and will likely entail a large taxpayer funded bailout. NYU is known for its very high tuition. Student and taxpayer funds will be used to finance NYU's massive construction project. I would humbly suggest that the NYU administration make their institution a more affordable place and not engage in such a costly project in these economically trying times. Or if they are to do so, then direct it toward those economically depressed parts of New York City that will be most advantageous from a cost-benefit point of view.

Stan Fogel

77 Bleecker Street

New York City

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January 6, 2012

Via Facsimile: (212) 720-3219

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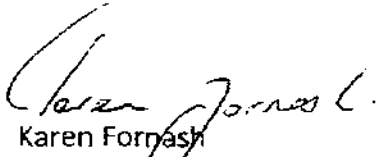
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Karen Fornash
45 Horatio Street
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SUSAN FORSTE

239 W. 10TH ST. 2C

NEW YORK, NY 10014

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Jim Fournath

227 Waverley Pl

NYC NY 10014

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729813039 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 5:13:34 PM

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Miriam Fox (mimfox@rcn.com) on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 14:02:20

This form resides at
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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Miriam
Last Name: Fox
Street Address: 505 LaGuardia Place
Address Number: 11B
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-473-7111
Email Address: mimfox@rcn.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden: Re: NYUs 2031 expansion plan for the Village area. I know you are receiving a voluminous amount of mail, phone, e-mail about this. I shall not spell out the details, as you are more than familiar with them. Let me say that NYU has many other options than this continued intrusion and destruction of the quality of life here - what the Village represents to the world at large. Please, Please stand firm AGAINST these plans. Cordially,
Miriam Fox
505 LaGuardia Place
NYC, NY 10012

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Fax: (212) 720-3219

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Dear Chair Burden:

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The community task force which you convened for several years to work with NYU on their plans CLEARLY REJECTED what NYU is proposing. I hope you will heed the findings of the very group which you put together to review this plan.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,



Brandon Fradd
68 Jane Street, #2E
New York, NY 10014

From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725314325 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:22:46 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:54 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725314325 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 3:00 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725314325 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-725314325

DATE RECEIVED: 02/05/2012 14:59:08

DATE DUE: 02/19/2012 15:00:03

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/05/2012 14:58:35
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: vlgchick@aol.com (Linda Franklin)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Linda Franklin (vlgchick@aol.com) on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 14:58:35

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Linda
Last Name: Franklin
Street Address: 63 Downing St
Address Number: 4B
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-675-2909
Email Address: vlgchick@aol.com
Message: I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan

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OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

JAN 31 2012

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Deborah Freedman FREEDMAN

121 Wooster St.

Nyc Ny 10012

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive revised proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan would overwhelm and oversaturate a residential neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate public park space and break the agreements under which NYU was given the formerly public land they now own which prohibits exactly the type of development the university is now proposing.

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Sincerely,

Laya Friedman

4/11/12

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JAN 31 2012

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Sincerely,



Peter Nicholas FRITSCHE

404 West 20th St. Apt 2

New York, NY 10011

From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727307459 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:33:15 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:33 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727307459 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 2:06 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727307459 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727307459

DATE RECEIVED: 02/13/2012 23:08:53

DATE DUE: 02/28/2012 02:05:35

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/13/2012 23:08:04
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: ninons73723@mypacks.net (Anke Frohlich)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Anke Frohlich (ninons73723@mypacks.net) on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 23:08:04

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Anke
Last Name: Frohlich
Street Address: 290 Sixth Avenue
City: New York
State: NY
Country: United States
Email Address: ninons73723@mypacks.net

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729237167 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:29:18 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:11 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729237167 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729237167

DATE RECEIVED: 02/22/2012 13:10:13

DATE DUE: 03/07/2012 13:11:17

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/22/2012 13:09:25
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: MarjorieF@aol.com (Marjorie Fuchs)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marjorie Fuchs (MarjorieF@aol.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 13:09:24

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Marjorie
Middle Name: S
Last Name: Fuchs
Street Address: 20 E 9th Street
Address Number: 22E
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Email Address: MarjorieF@aol.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden:I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU s massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.NYU s plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park the equivalent of the Empire State Building would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU s academic, cultural, and housing faciliti! es would be welcome.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727986480 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 1:22:09 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 1:17 PM

To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN

Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727986480 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727986480

DATE RECEIVED: 02/16/2012 13:15:21

DATE DUE: 03/01/2012 13:16:21

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/16/2012 13:15:14
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: (Gabriella Fuller)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Gabriella Fuller () on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 13:15:14

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Request for Information
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Gabriella
Last Name: Fuller
Street Address: 220 Sullivan Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States

Message: I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion in the Village. NYU's plan to add nearly 2 1/2 million squarefeet of space south of Washington Square would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already saturated with NYU facilities. The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York, upzoning residential areas, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be wrong. There are better alternatives for the city, NYU, and the Village. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion. Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

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Firefox/9.0.1

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON
JAN 31 2012

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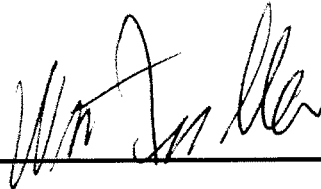
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727625813 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:54:06 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 10:12 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727625813 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727625813

DATE RECEIVED: 02/15/2012 10:10:24

DATE DUE: 02/29/2012 10:12:19

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/15/2012 10:09:50
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: bettyfussell@earthlink.net (betty fussell)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
betty fussell (bettyfussell@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:09:50

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: betty
Last Name: fussell
Street Address: 143 w 13 st
Address Number: 302
City: new york
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2128079838
Email Address: bettyfussell@earthlink.net

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February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Walker of Family
605 Lafayette Pl. NY, NY 10019

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740872846 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Monday, April 09, 2012 7:10:43 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740872846

DATE RECEIVED: 04/09/2012 19:09:09

DATE DUE: 04/23/2012 19:10:38

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/09/2012 19:08:16
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: Igpapers@verizon.net (Lenore Galker)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lenore Galker (Igpapers@verizon.net) on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 19:08:16

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Lenore
Last Name: Galker
Street Address: 505 LaGuardia Place
Address Number: 11D
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-982-0162
Email Address: lgpapers@verizon.net

Message: Please vote NO on NYUs plan to invade Greenwich Village. My apartment faces their buildings and I can count the number of empty apartments. Why arent they in use? If NYU says they need more space, I say they have it.

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Sarah
Last Name: Gallagher
Street Address: 1136 First Avenue
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10065
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-759-6447
Email Address: SWGall@nyc.rr.com

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M/M: Ms
First Name: Sarah
Last Name: Gallagher
Street Address: 1136 First Avenue
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Postal Code: 10065
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-759-6895
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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007


Dear Chair Burden:

We urge you to vote NO to NYU's planned expansion by over building on their two super blocks by obtaining a variance to the original urban renewal agreement, obtaining the Department of Transportation land strips, and building a commercial hotel.

NYU's neighbors, faculty, and staff have said no. The Community Board has said no. Your own Task Force on NYU said no. Now it is time for you to vote NO on NYU's proposed expansion plan. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park would have a devastating impact on our predominantly residential and historic neighborhoods of the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections. If they must build, they should build within the confines of the law without any special dispensations.

Sincerely,


Les and Joan Gallo-Silver

88 Bleecker Street, apt LB

New York, New York 10012



February 6, 2012

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Sincerely,

Lucy Walker

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Sincerely,

Amanda Burden

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January 4, 2012

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March 11, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Hon. Chair of the City Planning Commission

I am writing regarding my great concern about the NYU 2031 expansion plan. As a member of the NYU faculty, a resident of Greenwich Village, and the mother of two young children, I strongly oppose this plan for its extremely deleterious consequences upon our local environment, community, and overall quality of life.

The proposed buildings on the 'superblocks' will massively shrink the amount of open and green space that currently exists - which is already in short supply in this neighborhood. Furthermore, the cycle of demolition and construction laid out in the plan for a period of twenty years will make the entire area unlivable for the hundreds of families who live in the Silver Towers, Washington Square Village, and neighboring buildings. Finally, the LaGuardia community garden, the Sasaki garden, and the children's key park/playground, which are all threatened to be demolished and built over by this plan, are priceless assets that occupy a significant place in the daily lives of our residential community. The uniquely residential character of the neighborhood is what has managed to attract so many faculty with families to NYU and to live in the area.

Not only will this plan have severe environmental consequences, but it will also have a serious negative economic impact as well, which is being obfuscated by the NYU administration. The NYU administration has not been forthcoming about how it will fund this plan and we in the faculty fear that this plan can lead to a severe financial crisis for the university. A financially ailing NYU will not be good for Greenwich Village or for New York City. Furthermore, Greenwich Village attracts tourists and film crews from all across the country and the world and NYU's plan, which will turn one portion of the Village into a twenty-year construction zone, and then ultimately change the very nature and character of this neighborhood, will also drive away the tourists and film crews.

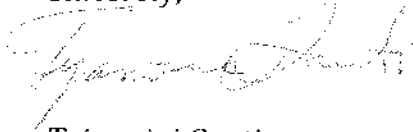
As a faculty member I have no faith in my employer in having the best interests of the university in mind when it comes to this plan. A good university is built upon a commitment to quality education, which is about human capital – faculty and students; not bricks, concrete, and mortar. The NYU administration has never sufficiently explained the need for expansion on this scale and never involved the faculty in any of the processes that led to this plan.

As a citizen of this great city and a resident of this great borough, I am relying on the wisdom and foresight of my elected representatives to think about the needs of all of its residents. I urge you to take the Community Board 2's recommendation seriously and oppose NYU's plan of expansion. I urge you to VOTE NO to NYU 2031.

This plan will affect thousands of people for the next many decades. Therefore, I also request that the City Council public hearings are held before June so that all of the affected parties have the chance to participate in these hearings.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tejaswini Ganti".

Tejaswini Ganti
Associate Professor
3 Washington Square Village # 3M
New York, NY 10012

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60 East 8th Street, Apt. 9K
New York 10003-6538
May 4, 2012

Honorable Amanda Burden, Chair
NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden,

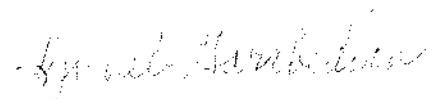
This letter adds my voice to so many others that are prevailing upon you to reject NYU's massive construction plan for the area south and east of Washington Square Park. This plan would destroy the unique character of Greenwich Village in the area, swallowing open green spaces, blocking sunlight and air circulation, creating a construction site of noise and pollution for ten years or more, and not even solving NYU's long term expansion goals. NYU has several options for additional space in other parts of the city where it would be welcomed.

My husband, Paul Garabedian, who died in 2010, was a well-known mathematician, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and the recipient of many honors. He was Professor of Mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences for 51 years. He had many opportunities over the years to join the faculties of some of the most prestigious universities in the country. However, he chose to remain at NYU, largely because he enjoyed the environment's culture, charm, relative quiet, open spaces and the sense of living in and being part of a smaller community within the dynamic larger city, - a village within a metropolis. It was a wonderful place to bring up our children.

In addition to the disastrous effects for devoted area residents, NYU's building plans will not even be good for NYU. How many academic scholars will want to continue to live and work in an area of ongoing noisy, dirty construction leading to a crowded area transformed from its former pleasant character? Will it be able even to lure talented teachers and researchers?

Please oppose NYU's expansion plans in the most vigorous way possible.

Sincerely yours,



Lynnel Garabedian

**Testimony of Noah Garabedian, NYU Steinhardt Alum, class of 2010
Before the New York Planning Commission for the NYU Core and NYU
2031: NYU in NYC**

April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners:

As a New York University Alumni and NYC resident I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

As a musician who graduated from NYU's Steinhardt School of Jazz Studies I understand NYU's need for additional space near the University's core.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ng', written in a cursive style.

Noah Garabedian, M.M.
NYU Alum- Steinhardt class of 2010
650 Prospect Place #2L
Brooklyn, NY 11216

January 4, 2012

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*THIS PLAN WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES,
SUCH AS MINE, IN THIS HISTORIC AREA.*

Sincerely,

[Signature]

SHARON BARY, Physical Therapist

SHARON BARY, resident + small business owner.

24 PRINCE ST, #4 / NY, NY 10012

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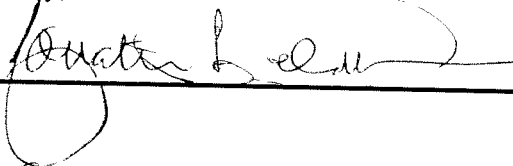
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JONATHAN C. GEBALLE 135 W. Houston St 3F
NY NY 10014

March 16, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden

Chair, NYC Department of City Planning

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 730-6418

Dear Chair Burden:

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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I am writing you to tell you that NYU's bid to expand its campus into the Village East is a member of the West End Union Dog Run Association and a downtown resident. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, over-saturating neighborhoods which are already permeated with NYU facilities.

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Sincerely,

Stacey Gedell
300 Mercer St, Apt 5A
New York, NY 10003

4/23/12

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners,

I am a resident in Washington Square Village and a proud Arts Professor teaching Lighting Design in the Department of Design for Stage and Film in the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU.

As a resident, I will admit to some mixed feelings about the scope of the NYU 2031 project. However, as a faculty member, I have to attest to both our place in the Village and our desperate need for appropriate space. Our department is one of the top two programs in the country in our discipline. And our facility is less current than most high schools in the country.

Our graduates have gone on to win, in the last 3 years alone, Tony awards, Oscars, Emmys, Oliviers, Obies, New York IT awards, you name it. We have been able to train visual storytellers at a very high level for many years. But our faculty, both full time and adjunct, have no offices or place to meet students privately at school, save the stairwell. Our students have almost no where to store the projects they are working on and no place where they can leave their work out for even 20 minutes while they go grab lunch. Our Design Department Library is tiny, used constantly, and turns away books for lack of space. Our computer lab is always full and in constant use. We are fortunate enough to have a light lab in which we teach lighting classes and students work on both lighting projects in and outside of class and photograph models. And it is in use literally 24/7.

Our theatre spaces are similar to the rest in the neighborhood – eccentric spaces that are both wonderful and limiting. Each of our students design productions in all years of training, and we use the spaces as labs in which to practice our craft while the shows are running. The spaces are so scheduled that we can barely get time in them to critique what has just happened, much less hold class in the theatre to explore other options within the space. We need dedicated spaces for our shows. Our actors need to hold voice and speech classes, for example, inside a theatre, rather than in a small rehearsal room so they can learn vocal techniques necessary to fill a Broadway house. My lighting designers need to practice composing stage pictures in a venue large enough that they can walk from one side of the stage to the other in more than 6 steps. They need to learn to control a larger volume of space so that they can work in a venue larger than a tiny basement.

Our world is becoming more and more visual all the time. Between theatrical venues, movies, dance, television, gaming, – all are looking for artists who can tell a story visually, and we are providing those people. But we get less competitive every year as our physical plant ages and our spaces become less and less in line with current technology, and are losing students because of it. Because we have no storage space, we have to spend our budget on the same props – chairs, tables, sofas, lamps - over and over again. It is both wasteful and doesn't allow our set designers to be concerned with space but only with details.

As faculty members who both live and work in the Village, we have been members of the community for a long time. We all work in the neighborhood venues – the Public Theatre, New York Theatre Workshop, PS 122, Mabou Mines, LaMama, The Cherry Lane, the Ohio Theatre – all of the venues downtown. Our recent graduates are everywhere as well. We are as much a part of the Village as any of the most visible artists here. We are toiling at the theatre factory, and the widgets we produce there are a crucial part of the City.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Louise Geiger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Louise Geiger
4 Washington Square Village
New York, NY

24447

February 28, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden Chair, NYC Department of City Planning 22 Reade Street New York, NY 10007 fax: (212) 720-3219

Dear Amanda Burden:

Please understand that many thousands of us have spent much time and energy and thought on this issue. We are not just not wanting something in OUR backyard.

We don't want NYU to grab land, green space, air, and light that belong to us all.

And 10,000 students just dropped into a superblock is not a plan that has been thought through with ANY regard to residents OR EVERYONE who comes to the Village for what is unique about it. NYU's plan will destroy much of what people flock to the Village for.

One very important point: what assurances do we have that NYU doesn't run out of money sometime soon after starting the project, AFTER they have paved over all the green space areas they are asking to give over, and AFTER they have had zoning changes so that OTHER developers can just put in THEIR over-scale projects?

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Regardless, I urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan.

Sincerely,



Rachel Gellman

Chair Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

APR 26 2012
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RE: NYU 2031

April 24, 2012

Dear Ms. Burden,

PLEASE vote no on this plan as it is.

NYU only owns the land (the superblocs) because public streets were demapped by the City to create an affordable housing project, with open space. It was a mistake to trade public land for private development in the first place and NYU should not be given a blank slate in perpetuity to do what they want.

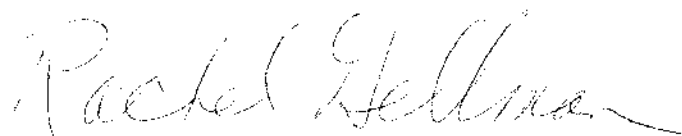
The long term impact may be to deter tourists who are attracted to the neighborhood's low rise character and open space, which provides more air and light than mid-town. The construction and resulting pedestrian congestion would discourage people from coming to the neighborhood.

Lastly, if you visit Washington Square Park on weekends NOW, you can barely get a seat. When walking through West Village streets on weekend evenings, those of us who are residents must walk in the streets to get anywhere, that's how crowded it is.
How can NYU POSSIBLY add 10,000 more students to this tiny area?

I also think it's important to look into NYU's finances, as they don't seem to have the money to fund this project, which means they most likely will pave over the beautiful Sasaki garden and THEN have to put the project on hold!

Please stop NYU from devouring our small Village.

Respectfully,



Testimony of Albert Gentile
Associate Registrar
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Chair Burden and Commissioners:

Classrooms: NYU's classrooms experience a very high degree of utilization-- approximately 400 classrooms serve over 50,000 class attendees on a typical weekday. NYU's older classroom stock is challenged by our ability to develop a set of classrooms whose size, lay-out, and technological capabilities match our pedagogical needs; and further, classrooms in upper floors of buildings have caused major delays in elevator traffic and ability for students to move around the facilities.

For that reason, a future plan to convert older manufacturing buildings to new science laboratory space is more compatible with the building layouts than successive classroom renovations. A series of renovations already conducted to transform classroom space to science have proven extremely successful.

In addition, the below-grade space on the northern superblock allows the creation of a highly specialized subterranean classroom and student annex space. Such space can accommodate the exact sizes and formats that are needed given the de novo quality of the space that can be built to maximize state-of-the-art teaching requirements and technology.

Each semester we endeavor to insure that each class is scheduled in appropriate space that will meet the instructional needs of both the faculty and the students. As enrollment increases so do the challenges to achieving this goal. We also strive to make the most efficient and effective use of classroom space which is reflected in our utilization rates.

Our high demand and efficient utilization of classroom space can become problematic in the event that a building or series of classrooms would need to be taken off-line for a temporary period of time. If this were to occur unexpectedly the University's lack of swing-space would make the relocation of classes virtually impossible. In addition to keeping pace with the growing demand for classroom space this issue underlines the need to plan for an increase in the University's classroom inventory.

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April 6, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairwoman Burden:

I am writing to ask that you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

The NYU plan would completely change the nature of a sizeable band of downtown Manhattan. By adding nearly two million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park, this plan would add drastically to the congestion in an area which is already too dominated by NYU buildings.

This has shaped up to be a clear case of a large area being taken over by a single giant corporate resident. It's great to have a university in the neighborhood -- but not when it begins to swallow the neighborhood whole.

NYU's disregard for neighbors and for city governance is painfully clear when we see the way that the NYU is trying to shake off its obligations and limits -- and to greedily come back for a second huge bite in ways that violate the very generous deal that our city gave it in the past.

For our neighborhoods this is a pivotal moment. Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to build its huge expansion and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Please help us save our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

David Georgi

David Georgi
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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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April 12, 2012

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Dear Chairwoman Burden:

Please don't let this be the way it works. Scott Stringer throws a sop to the citizens -- a modest 15 or 20 percent scaleback -- and lets the corporation go ahead with a massive project that benefits NYU at everyone else's expense.

It is good to have a university nearby -- a college adds a lot to any area, and I've taken a graduate degree at NYU myself (Ph.D., 2008) -- but NYU is also a profit-driven, expansion-minded, private corporation, and it doesn't deserve a giveaway that massively furthers its position as the dominant, defining force in the area.

The core of NYU's massive success and expansion was the city's generosity, some decades ago, in letting NYU have public land and granting it a fantastically generous deal to build its three 'superblocks.' But NYU is no longer a struggling, cash-strapped school serving students drawn primarily from our own five boroughs. NYU is a healthy corporate giant now; a powerful international brand whose expansion strategy ranges from the East Village to Abu Dhabi.

It is not right to give NYU another big bite at the apple, at the expense of the area's character and uniqueness. It is wrong to let this one corporation push through zoning changes, to let it remake the whole area in its own interest. It is also wrong to let NYU have more public land.

NYU does not need another sweetheart deal at the neighborhood's expense. And the neighborhood does not need an even more massive NYU. SoHo and the East Village can't afford to be so swamped in new building that these neighborhoods -- prized for their history and character, which has made them tremendous drivers of prosperity downtown -- come to be like any other huge college campus.

Once we lose what we have, it will be irreversible. **This is a crucial moment, and you are one of the small handful of people whose judgment can translate into a vote and real results. Please use this tremendous power well and stand against the NYU expansion plan.**

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Dear Ms. Burden,

January 5, 2012

I hope you may still remember me from my previous letters to you. I am writing to you once again in **strong opposition to the NYU Plan 2031**, just a day following the Town Hall meeting at the AIA Center for Architecture at 536 LaGuardia Place, sponsored by Community Board 2, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, Community Action Alliance on NYU 2031, and a number of local Greenwich Village Block Associations. I do so as both an NYU tenured professor and a proud resident of Greenwich Village. As someone deeply concerned with my own University's massive new construction plans in the Village and NoHo, my allegiances are unwaveringly with my neighborhood and its longstanding sense of history, preservation, cultural and commercial vibrancy and – above all else – community.

Having been a **9-year resident of 2 Washington Square Village**, I have to say that I am extremely alarmed by NYU's "Superblock Plan." As I'm sure you know, this behemoth, if approved, would swallow up not only my own residential complex and its green space (the award-winning Hideo Sasaki public garden and children's playground) but also the landmarked Silver Towers site on Bleecker Street (where the University had originally wanted to build a 40-story university-hotel tower!) and the Coles Sports Center on Mercer Street. My most urgent concern, however, is certainly with NYU's proposals for a Mercer St. Building – which, at 248 ft., **would dwarf the existing Washington Square Village buildings 2 & 4 by 90 feet** – and the bracketing La Guardia Street Building – which, at 158 feet would still reach higher than the existing Washington Square Village buildings 1 & 3.

Although NYU has called on no fewer than four architectural and landscaping firms to collaborate on the designs for its giant Superblock, the actual results of this planning team – from issues of sustainability to the severe reduction of green spaces to the actual architectural designs – have been disjointed and graceless at best ... Frankenstein-like at worst. NYU's current proposal for Washington Square Village looks to bookend our entire residential complex, public garden and playground space with large, intrusive buildings on LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street – **their function and purpose "as-yet-to-be-defined," as claimed by NYU's Office of Strategic Assessment, Planning and Designs**. Having attended countless NYU Open Houses in the last 3-4 years, I regret to say present plan for Washington Square Village is beyond words in the awfulness of its conception. NYU's already standing dorm buildings – those on E. 12th Street and the corner of Stuyvesant Street being the most cautionary examples – and its recent construction on the south side of Washington Sq. Park offer sufficient proof, if more proof was needed, that **the University's most recent architectural designs are beyond the pale**. I hate to say this, but they have become blights rather than welcome additions on practically

every street on which they appear, **showing little or no concern for good architectural design or promotion of green space.**

I am sure that you are already well aware of the history of NYU's expansions, past and present. My University is already one of the largest private universities in the world, owning approximately 15 million gross square feet of space in New York City. As defined in its "2031 Plan," **the University now anticipates adding 6 million more square feet in the next 20 years.** (Here, I should add that NYU has already quietly started its development in 2006, amounting to 787,000 additional square feet of new space, which may or may not include the Forbes Building.)

Most disturbing of all, NYU's goal for what it calls its "core" – the Washington Square area – accounts for a whopping 3.6 million square feet of the overall expansion! Given the already congested scale of the neighborhood, this scale is so vast as to be virtually inconceivable. **As of July 2008, residents in our neighborhood (Community Board 2) had no more than 0.4 acres of open space per 1,000 residents. This is the second lowest ratio in ALL of Manhattan, where the benchmark is approximately 2.5 acres per 1,000 people.**

The addition of 3.6 million square feet in the Village is perhaps put into perspective best by the following analysis from the Greenwich Village Society for Historical Preservation, which was distributed at one of its own Open Houses. The projected 2031 expansion in Greenwich Village alone would be the equivalent of *all* new NYU buildings built in the area from 1964-2008 (44 years!) or, to measure it a more tangible way, 20 or more of NYU's new 26-floor dorm on E. 12th Street (opened as recently as June 2009) ... or 200 of the recently demolished, 140-year-old Playhouse on McDougal Street, which was so long a cornerstone of historic Greenwich Village. If jammed into what is already a heavily NYU-saturated section of town, the large-scale development, **amounting to no less than 40% growth in a two-decade span,** would bring about a host of negative consequences.

To name but some, these consequences would include the loss of green/park areas; the demolition of the Mercer Street children's playground and Washington Square Village Playground; the possible loss or, at the very least, displacement of a supermarket and other small businesses on LaGuardia Place (many of which have already left); the displacement of the Mercer-Houston dog run; the potential loss of a neighborhood working garden; blocked residential views; the loss of light in many homes and shadows over outdoor congregating areas; ear-splitting noise as well as dust and debris from months, if not years, of constant construction; and the potential drop in property values in some homes. To be sure, the list runs long.

My plea to you is to urge the University administration prioritize re-use and alternative building sites. My challenge to NYU is to think outside its Washington Square core before *any* new, aggressive development is carried out. **Historically, NYU has had multiple academic centers through the City.** I would therefore strongly encourage the University to curtail its building ambitions in its "core" and to instead refocus its attention on more practical outside possibilities, **all approximately within just 20-30 mins. of Washington Square on public transportation,** ranging from the Health Corridor around E. 26th Street to Governor's Island. In short, if the University *must* expand, the new growth should be invested in satellite campuses. The oversaturation of facilities in the Village must be stopped in favor of respecting the low scale and historic character of the neighborhood, as well as its precious open spaces like the beautiful public garden in the Washington Square Village complex ... a one-of-a-kind space. Just this past year, my home, **Washington Square Village, has become eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.** The Sasaki

Garden, designed in 1959, has deservedly won awards and is an absolute jewel of the entire neighborhood, adding much needed trees and green space in an area of the city that is already choked by buildings.

For years now, Community Board #1 (Financial District) has urged NYU to look in its neighborhood for sites of expansion – and continues to do so. It has all but invited NYU to seek new, viable options just a short subway ride away from the Square. Why won't the University at least seriously entertain this possibility?

To be clear, I am no blind opponent of change – if it is indeed positive, well-considered change. NYU's plan, in its overly ambitious scale, has little to do with change or democracy – or the promotion of local business. It is **rooted in NYU's own business interests**, interests that would more or less change this part of Greenwich Village into a giant college campus. For better or worse, there will be inevitable compromises on everyone's part, as there have been in years and decades past. At the same time, however, I believe that it is absolutely imperative that NYU also listens and heeds the concerns and the priorities of its neighbors so as to maintain a sense of neighborhood and livability in the Village and its surrounding areas. Otherwise, **the University will become complicit in destroying the very community that embraced and nourished it from its inception – the same extraordinary urban community that students travel many states – and oceans – to join. The loss not only to the appearance but also the very fabric of the Village would be irreversible.** I'm sad to say that, by all appearances, while NYU's legal and PR machine may have grown more refined, the administration remains tone-deaf and is threatening to simply run over the neighborhood and its residents that stand in its way.

If my University does receive permission from the city authorities to proceed with its oversized plan, I'm afraid that this faculty member – like the many small business on and around LaGuardia Place – will most likely move elsewhere. And I will take my fellowships, grants and teaching awards with me. Believe me, I will not be alone in making such a transition. I came aboard to work for an educational institution, with an educational mission. I did not sign up to work for a real estate giant, now re-branding itself as a Global Network University. If this change occurs, I will refuse to be a complicit witness to it. I love my students and my fellow faculty too much to see the University and its role in the community degraded in this way.

In its vitality and intellectual energy, NYU has contributed a great deal to the City. Now, I believe that it is NYU's turn to acknowledge how much Greenwich Village and its spirit of community has contributed to its own character and sense of place.

With best regards,



Dennis Geronimus
Clark Fellow, 2011-12

Associate Professor of Art History
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HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
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Email Address: dvg2@nyu.edu

Message: Dear Chair Burden, I write to you to voice my strong opposition to NYUs 2031 plan. I do so as anything but a passive observer. Not only am I a long-standing resident of Washington Square Village (at the heart of NYUs plan to eradicate not only the award-winning Sasaki garden and adjoining playground but also to build on and even under adjacent, city-owned park land), but I also happen to be a member of the NYU faculty. I am extremely disappointed in my Universitys actions when it comes to its aggressive take-over attempts in this neighborhood, one already starved of green space. I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village. Do not allow our vibrant, historically-rich neighborhood to be sold out the highest bidder. There will not be any do-overs and second chances. Once the Sasaki Garden, childrens playground(s), the Mercer Houston Dog Run and all of the green space along Mercer and LaGuardia Streets are gone, they will be gone for good.

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February 6, 2012

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22 Reade Street
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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

The very special attraction of Greenwich Village as it exists to so many foreign visitors should not be ruined by N.Y.U.'s GROSS expansion plans.

Sincerely,

Morris Jesell
Kenneth Chesare

March 20, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden

Chair, NYC Department of City Planning

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 720-3219

Dear Chair Burden:

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I strongly urge you to **VOTE NO** on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

I am a member of the Mercer Houston Dog Run Association and downtown resident. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, over-saturating neighborhoods which are already permeated with NYU facilities.

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THANK YOU.

Sincerely,



JAMES GIBBS

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NEW YORK, NY 10012

C.B.2 RESIDENT

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Sincerely,

William Miller, Director of U.E.

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*Dear Amanda Stand up for us
my family had to move 7 times to
stay in our neighborhood.*

March 27th 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

The Honorable Scott Stringer
Manhattan Borough President

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1 Center St

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RE: NYU's Expansion

Dear President Stringer,

As a lifelong resident of the West Village I want to go on record vigorously opposing NYU's plans for expansion.

Over the years, I have personally experienced NYU's selfish insensitivity to my neighborhood. As a child, my family was made homeless in 1956 when our home at 238 Thompson St. was demolished to make way for NYU's law school. Through the late 50's NYU continued its relentless removal of the bohemian heart and soul of the West Village as it cleared all the remaining restaurants and clubs along 3rd Street for other facilities. If allowed to continue NYU would have eventually fenced-off Washington Square Park for its own private campus.

Unfortunately, NYU abandoned what could have been the ideal location for its expansion back in 1973. Few people remember that until then, NYU had a beautiful suburban-like oasis of a campus in the Bronx that rivaled those of Columbia and Fordham known as University Heights. Rather than investing for its future, when property values were low, NYU turned its back on the Bronx and sold out, causing what many

believe to be the beginning of the large scale disinvestment that led to the eventual abandonment of much of the South Bronx by the real estate community.

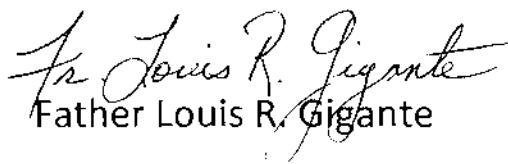
This latest expansion plan will surely prove to be the nail in the coffin of the West Village. As you well know, the West Village is an architectural gem that deserves your protection. Though NYU is a worthy institution, and an economic engine for the City, the scale of their proposed expansion is unreasonable. What makes the West Village charming and special is its low rise, low density architecture and unique collection of restaurants and clubs. This quaint village ambiance that attracts visitors and dollars from around the world will be lost to accommodate NYU's greed in their never ending ambition to dominate the neighborhood.

Please stand up to NYU's bully tactics and draw the line that says enough is enough.

I trust that you have the West Village's best interests at heart.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,


Father Louis R. Gigante

Cc. Amanda Burden, City Planning Commission Chairperson

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: David
Middle Name: J
Last Name: Glaser
Street Address: 55 Perry St 3A
Address Number: 55 Perry St 3A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-229-1766
Extension: NY
Email Address: djglaser@verizon.net

Message: I strongly urge you to oppose the expansion of NYU in Greenwich Village. There are other neighborhoods that they can easily use.

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January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Susan Gluck

14 Horatio, NYC 10014

Please keep the few open spaces we have left.

1 May 1, 2012

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New York

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please VOTE NO for the NYU 2031 expansion plans.

Our families need green areas and trees in the village NO MORE BUILDINGS, no more students being loud disrupting the residential life in the village.

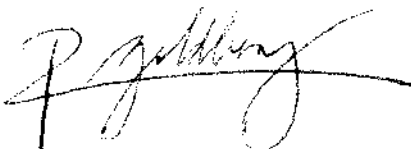
We need your support to say NO.

The area cannot sustain the amount of people these new buildings will look to host, there are no services for them.

IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE.

We appreciate your support.

Best,



Pablo Goldberg
520 Laguardia Place resident

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May 3, 2012

Via Federal Express Next Day Delivery

NYC Department of City Planning
Attention : Ms. Amanda M. Burden (Director)
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: *NYU Core Project – ULURP Applications Nos. 120122ZMM;
N120123ZRM, N120124ZSM and 120077MMM.
“NYU Plan 2031.”*

Dear Ms. Burden:

I myself am a rent stabilized tenant at Washington Square Village. I write concerning the application of New York University (“NYU”) under its NYU Plan 2031 and its ULURP and City CEQR filings.

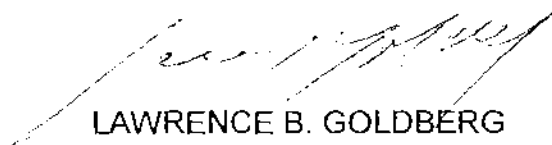
For your information, I have learned that of the 1,292 apartments at Washington Square Village (Numbers “1”, “2”, “3” and “4”), there are only some 300 apartments remaining that are under Rent Stabilization. NYU has registered all four Washington Square Village (“WSV”) buildings under Rent Stabilization. Of the remaining apartments, NYU has been “warehousing” a significant number of apartments as they become vacant. I have also learned that of the approximately 300 Rent Stabilized apartments, most (if not all) are occupied by Senior Citizens. These remaining statutory tenants have been in occupancy at WSV for the past many years, all under Rent Stabilization. As Senior Citizens, we are a “vulnerable population” which is most likely adversely affected by the proposed project (NYU’s Plan 2031 as it regards WSV and the “Northern Super Block”).

In reviewing the publicly available filings in this regard, I discovered an apparent omission by NYU and the lead agency (the CPC) in this matter. Although NYU addresses the “direct displacement” of rent stabilized tenants at WSV (three such rent stabilized tenants on the First or Ground Floor), NYU and the lead agency did not fully or properly consider the potential for adverse impacts on the vast bulk of rent stabilized tenants at WSV who are a particularly vulnerable group due to “indirect displacements”. NYU studied direct

displacements of three (3) rent stabilized tenants at WSV, all on the first floors of the two (2) buildings (1 and 2 WSV as one building and 3 and 4 WSV as a second building). The CEQR Manual (applicable when the original filing was made) contains provisions requiring the study for adverse impacts on rent stabilized tenants, including "indirect displacements". Because the construction work in Plan 2031 on the "North Super Block" (that houses WSV) will involve, by NYU's own estimate, 19 years of excavation and construction (and accompanying noise, odor and air quality adverse impacts) that NYU categorizes as "construction disturbances", those adverse impacts are in fact instances of constructive eviction and consequential adverse indirect displacements. There are some 300 rent stabilized apartments at WSV occupied by a recognized "vulnerable group" of individuals and almost all of these will suffer from such indirect displacements which have not been studied and mitigated in the NYU filings and which study must be limited to the two WSV buildings (numbers "1", "2", "3" and "4") as the only relevant study area.

I request that the CPC, as the "Lead Agency", look into these matters. I also ask that this letter be made part of the "official record" in this matter. Should you have any questions for me, please contact my office. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



LAWRENCE B. GOLDBERG

LBG/mt

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Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
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New York, NY 10007

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224 West 30th Street, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10001

Hon. Margaret Chin
165 Park Row, Suite 11
New York, NY 10038

Assembly Member Deborah Glick
853 Broadway, Suite 1518

New York, NY 10003

Community Board No. 2 Manhattan
Attention: Mr. Brad Hoylman, Chair
3 Washington Square Village
New York, NY 10012-1899

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Lisa Goldberg

184 Thompson St #6V NYC 10012

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725490743 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:21:26 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

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From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Kerry
Last Name: Golden
Street Address: 100 Greene St
Address Number: Apt 5
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2129257801
Extension: Kerry
Email Address: kerrygolden@gmail.com

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*Really outrageous, they are gutting the town
East side like Columbia destroyed Harlem.
The WES is precious & NYU is an ugly predator!
Walter Thabit must be turning in his grave!
Please take NYU to hell in lower
Manhattan they want him - we don't!*

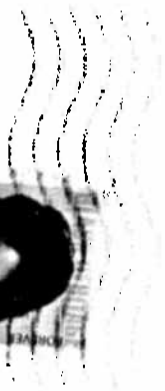
Sincerely,

Frances Galvin



Ms. Frances Goldin
305 E. 11th St. Apt. 3F
New York, NY 10003

GREENPEACE USA, INC.
1000 17th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036



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Last Name: Goldman
Street Address: 348 East 87 Street
Address Number: 2A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10128
Country: United States
Email Address: brenda.goldman@verizon.net

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I have lived in Greenwich Village over 50 years & slowly at first, and now rapidly watched it lose its B V character. Now all the charming small houses and buildings are now being replaced with higher and in most cases, uglier structures. The population density makes it difficult just to walk on the sidewalks

Sincerely,

Margaret Goldman



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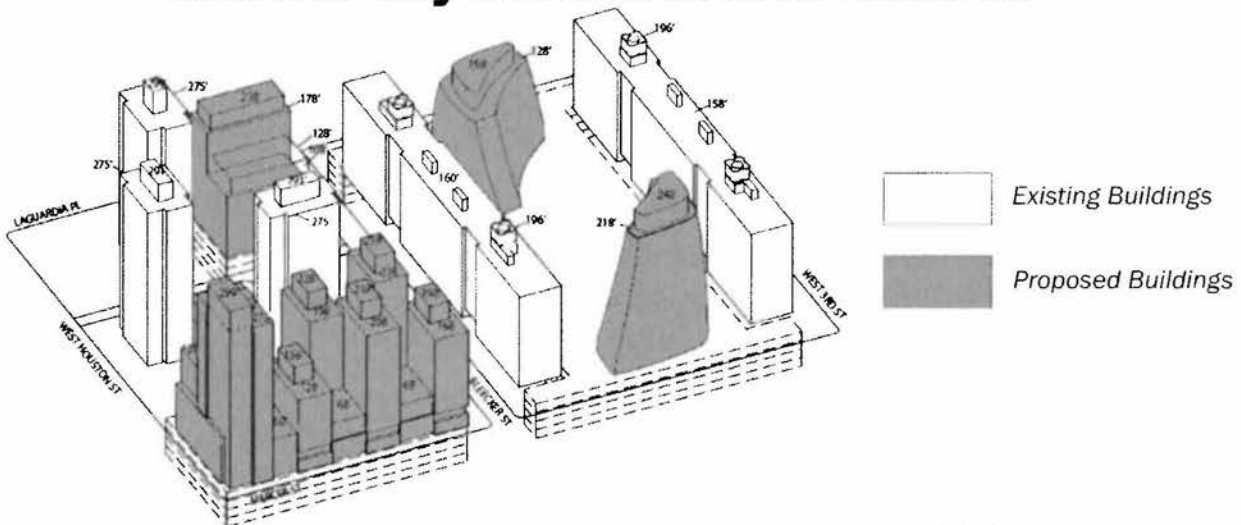
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STOP NYU's MASSIVE EXPANSION PLAN!

NYU wants to build millions of square feet of space in huge new buildings over twenty years on the block south of Washington Square. The problem? Neighborhood zoning protections don't allow it. Urban renewal deed restrictions forbid it. The terms under which NYU was given the formerly-public land they want to build on prohibit it. And NYU wants public park space to build on as well.

NYU's solution – overturn the zoning rules, gut the urban renewal deed restrictions, abrogate the terms under which they were given public land, and take over more public land!

But this can ONLY happen if the City Planning Commission and the City Council vote to allow it.



**TELL THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TO VOTE 'NO' ON THE NYU PLAN –
Testify at their public hearing:
Wed. April 25 at 10 AM**

Museum of the American Indian, 1 Bowling Green

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Send a letter to City Planning opposing the NYU plan:
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Anne Golobstein

2 Fifth Ave #19C

New York, N.Y 10011



The Chancellor

April 25, 2012

The Honorable Amanda Burden (Chair)
Members of the New York City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden and Commission Members:

I am pleased to write in support of New York University's Core Project to expand its campus, which you are considering today.

At The City University of New York, where enrollment at our 24 colleges and professional schools is at record levels, we are well acquainted with the challenges of meeting growing student demand within a dense city landscape shared by residential and commercial neighbors. Our growth, like NYU's, reflects the ambition and hunger for knowledge that characterizes New York City, and it should be a point of pride for all of us. The city is home to more college students—both in absolute terms and per capita—than any other city in the United States. I would argue that the presence of so many leading research universities in the city is one of New York's major advantages; they draw the people, industries, and ideas that enrich the city socially, culturally, and economically. Higher education, both public and private, is what makes New York City what my friend and colleague John Sexton calls a global "idea capital."

To deliver on higher education's promise in the 21st century, universities must meet a range of urgent needs: state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for cutting-edge research; rigorous academic programs offered through different modalities; housing and specialized services for students; and expanded partnerships with the community. To NYU's great credit, it has fully embraced this mission. Its comprehensive approach to campus planning has included a detailed analysis of needs and possible solutions and, in particular, has fully considered its key role within the communities it serves: its students and faculty, its surrounding neighborhoods, and the city itself. The university's sensitivity to advancing its educational responsibilities while also aiming to lessen the environmental impact and disruption to the neighborhood and provide a more welcoming public space is to be commended.

For me, it is especially important to note that this plan was four years in the making, during which time it has been publicly discussed, debated, and altered in response to input from a wide array of stakeholders. In that time, we have witnessed the university's willingness to address some of its space needs over the coming decades through locations outside of its Washington Square campus. However, it's clear that some significant academic needs in the years ahead must be accommodated in the university's core area. That is the Core Project that is before you for review.

The Core Project rightly takes the long view, both educationally and environmentally. It provides space for a public school. It expands the physical campus only on its own footprint, which reduces the need to spread development into the surrounding neighborhoods. And it ensures that open space in the area is more accessible not only to the NYU community but to the community at large.

The Core Project also addresses NYU's essential need to evolve and upgrade in order to create and disseminate knowledge in the 21st century. That is its fundamental mission as a university. Particularly in the sciences, the university must have modern, state-of-the-art facilities and technologies that enable faculty and students to push the boundaries of discovery. We expect the city's universities to be on the leading edge, and we cannot ask them to get there from centuries-old buildings and infrastructure.

NYU has carefully and collaboratively developed a reasonable and balanced long-term plan that advances the educational excellence that the city and its constituencies have come to expect of it, and that fosters an even stronger partnership with the citizens of New York.

Few projects deserve more serious attention than those involving the ability of our city's universities to thrive and expand. Universities enhance their surrounding communities, provide long-term economic stability, and are key resources for the city, creating jobs, educational programs, new businesses, cultural opportunities, and a highly educated workforce. NYU's initiative is more than a development project; it is a plan to shape the future of New York as a leading center of intellectual life and economic vibrancy.

I urge your fullest consideration of the NYU Core Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Matthew Goldstein

February 6, 2012

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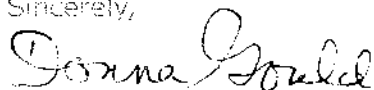
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Sincerely,

Paula Grande

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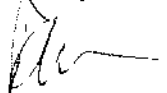
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April 26, 2012

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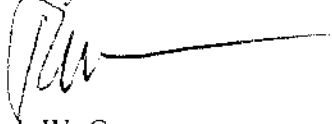
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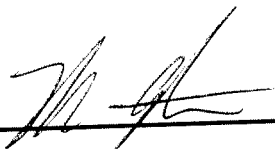
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Because of an illness in my family, I was unable to testify at the recent hearing on the NYU expansion plan. But having been involved with this matter for over 50 years – many as an elected official representing Greenwich Village – I felt it important that I go on record in opposition to the proposal. Noting especially the many times spokesmen for NYU assert that they are planning to build on “our” property, it cannot be pointed out too often that this was Title I land virtually gifted to the University by a City government that had to bend the rules on several occasions to accomplish this.

One – back in 1960, when the original sponsor defaulted on the southern portion of the tract, then Congressman John Lindsay pointed out that the Title I law required that public bidding be reopened. But the City managed to bypass the law by making a deal with the community that resulted in 505 LaGuardia Place being built as a middle income co-op. An integral part of this deal was that NYU would build and operate an experimental school on the property.

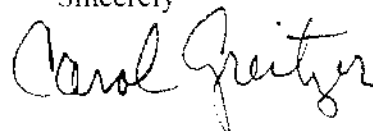
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Three – In 1962 the City did not exercise its right to repossess part of the property because of NYU's failure to build by a certain date (Village Voice, August 2, 1962.)

I summarized these events to demonstrate that there is a history of the City favoring NYU over the Village community. **It is time for this to stop!** Knocking feet off the tops of buildings is not an acceptable solution. Knocking out buildings (which violate earlier open space commitments) is the way to go. If NYU can go to Brooklyn, 78th St., Governors Island, why not the nearby Financial District, which would love to welcome them?.

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Testimony of Dr. Martin J Gruber
Professor Emeritus & Scholar in Residence
New York University Stern School of Business
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Planning Commissioners,

My name is Martin J. Gruber, I am Professor Emeritus and Scholar in Residence at the Stern School of Business at New York University. I've been asked by Peter Henry, the Dean of the Business Schools, to discuss with you the importance of the Washington Square location to the Business Schools at NYU.

I joined the faculty at the Graduate School of Business at NYU in 1965. At that time, while the undergraduate business school was located at Washington Square, the Graduate Business School was located at 90 Trinity Place. The Graduate School did not have a full time program, it was only a night school, with almost all of the classes taught by part time faculty. A full time program was started a few years later. In 1992, the Graduate School was moved to Washington Square in a building adjacent to the undergraduate school. At that time, the School was not highly rated. Since the move, the school has gained in prestige due to an increase in the quality of the faculty and the students we educate. We have gone from a school that was not ranked in the top 25 in the country to a school, depending on the rankings you examine, is ranked from #1 to #13 in the world.

The location in Washington Square has been instrumental in allowing us to attract the best faculty and the best students. We now have three Nobel Prize winners at the School (Robert Engle, Thomas Sargent, and A. Michal Spence).

Physically being part of a great university has allowed us to advance to our present level. Business education is, to a large extent, an application of fundamental disciplines. Many of our PhD students take their mathematics courses at the Courant Institute, located in Washington Square; their economics courses, at the liberal arts economics department located in Washington Square; and their behavioral science courses at various schools, such as Sociology, located around Washington Square.

Our faculty regularly attends and gives seminars at other schools at NYU. Our students at every level, take courses at other schools located in Washington Square. We offer joint degrees with the Law School, the Tisch School of Performing Arts, and the Courant Institute of Mathematics.

In short, being located at Washington Square, allows us to attract the best faculty and the most interesting students. Many of these students come from New York as well as other places from around the world, and choose to work in New York after graduation. They enrich the city, they contribute to the economic well being of the city, and they increase its visibility.

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Mitchell Grubler
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22 Reade Street
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April 9, 2012

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April 23, 2012

Testimony of Vincent Guilamo-Ramos

Professor

New York University Silver School of Social Work

Before the New York City Planning Commission

For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners. As a Professor and current faculty member at the New York University Silver School of Social Work, I would like to offer my perspective with regard to the current NYU expansion plan into Greenwich Village. My program of research is grounded in community-based practices and I currently co-direct the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health (CLAFH) based at NYU. CLAFH is a not-for-profit research center dedicated to addressing the needs of New York City's diverse Latino communities. Specifically, the overall aim of CLAFH is to develop, design, and implement evidence-based family interventions designed to promote healthy Latino adolescent development and well-being, examine issues of immigration related to the experiences of Latino families, and promote the economic well-being of the Latino community. However, CLAFH is one such entity that has been challenged in securing adequate space to effectively implement our proposed research program. I believe there is an urgent need for NYU to dedicate additional space to research addressing existing health and social welfare disparities in disadvantaged New York City communities. By increasing space dedicated for research activities, researchers such as myself will not only be better able to address existing inequities at home in our own NYC community but also help further position the University within a context of global research and educational prominence.

While I write to express my support for the NYU 2031 expansion plan, I would also like to note that it is critical that the University remain cognizant of the broader NYC community as the expansion unfolds. For example, issues related to building siting and size are cause for legitimate discussion and collaboration. However, I believe that in working with the NYC community to identify the most suitable options for increasing space, NYU can support programs seeking to better service our community. By bridging strong alliances both inside of and outside of the NYU community we can continue to be the University of and within the city of New York.

Best Regards,

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I plan to go to rally on the 20th to protest the expansion by NYU.

*Ann Gussow
28 West 10 St.
NYC 10011*



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April 24, 2012

Ms. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

As the Interim Dean of the College of Nursing (NYUCN) at New York University, I take this opportunity to offer comments supporting the NYU 2031 Plan. An academic program since 1932 that began as two courses in the Physical Education Department in the School of Education, today's College of Nursing ranks in the top 5% of nursing programs in the country. Established as a College of Nursing at the College of Dentistry in 2005, NYUCN reflects a school within a school model.

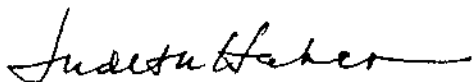
Currently located at Washington Square, the College of Nursing will be moving to the Health Science Corridor on First Avenue and 26th Street in 2015. We have broken ground on our new building which will be the home for the College of Nursing. It will also be an interprofessional urban teaching-learning community because we will be joined by our colleagues from the College of Dentistry and NYU/Poly as occupants of that building.

Our move to First Avenue vacates significant space in the NYU Core including office space conference rooms, research space, and clinical simulation laboratory space. It also vacates an extensive amount of classroom space in the Silver Building, Bobst Library and Meyer Hall that is used by our undergraduate and graduate students on a year round basis given that our curricula are 12 month programs. All teaching-learning activities, research programs, conference rooms, faculty and administrative offices, admissions, student affairs, will be located at our new building on First Avenue.

Although vacating this space will be important to the university, the need for space continues as key ingredients to attracting a global talent pool of students, faculty, and programs of academic excellence. The NYU 2031 plan provides a strategic approach to incremental expansion, a significant component of which is in Brooklyn. The proposed increase in square footage on the core Washington Square Campus, represents a matrix of repurposed and new space essential to maintaining NYU's global position as a preeminent research university.

As an NYU academic leader and double alumna, I urge you to support the NYU 2031 proposal, a plan designed to support academic excellence.

Sincerely,



Judith Haber, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN
Interim Dean, College of Nursing
The Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing

January 4, 2012

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Helga Abraham

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From: awiyya13@yahoo.com (Laura Haddad)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Laura Haddad (awiyya13@yahoo.com) on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 21:49:25

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Ms Burden

Please STOP the
NYU 2031 Plan and
Review NYU tax
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Amanda Burden
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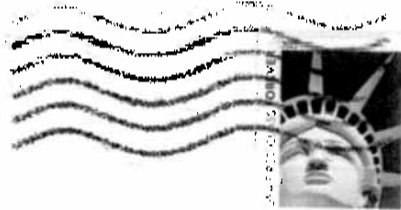
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Enough expansion
has already taken place

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Thanks John Howell

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Stop the NYU 2031 Plan
A line in Stuyvesant
NYU is moving in
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Planning Commission
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Dear Board & May Council:

I am writing to state my
opposition to NY 2031 Expansion
Plan - I urge you NOT to
change the zoning for this
area of the Village. My
husband is an alumnus and
we live and work in the
Village.

Thank you,
Maxine S. Paul

Maxine S. Haft, Ph.D.
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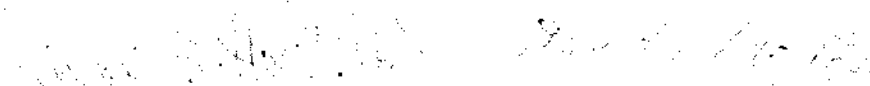
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Amanda Burden, Chair
NYC Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear Chair Burden,

I am writing to express my husband, Howard White, and my great displeasure at NYU Plan 2031. As long time residents of the village, and particularly Washington Square Village, we believe that the square footage that NYU wants to build in the two super blocks far exceeds a reasonable expansion in this size location. It will not only significantly decrease the amount of green space in the village but will also cause major congestion in an area that is already filled with students and tourists during most of the year. We believe that there should not be changes in the zoning for this area and that NYU would better serve NYC by expanding beyond the narrow confines they have proposed. We hope you will agree that more is not necessarily better.

Yours truly,



Maxine S. Haft, Ph.D. and Howard White, Ph.D.

January 4, 2012

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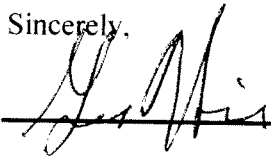
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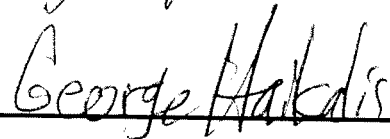
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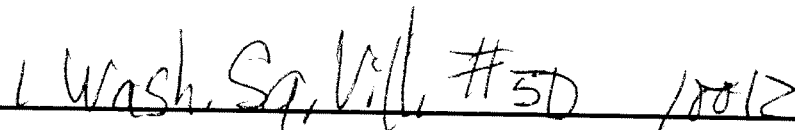
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Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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May 1, 2012

Dear Ms. Burden:

I strongly urge you to request that NYU withdraw its ULURP application for its 2031 Expansion Plan. This plan should never have been certified by your department to begin with because it is fundamentally flawed. It fails to adequately address alternatives, such as a far greater expansion of the Brooklyn NYU-Polytechnic campus, with only a more modest, more sensitively developed expansion in the core. Such a plan could preserve the widely acclaimed Sasaki Garden as a central feature of any expansion.

Clearly New York City needs a five-borough institutional expansion plan that fairly assesses the nature and quantity of higher education needs throughout the city. The current NYU plan is simply an ad hoc proposal with no recognition of the broader needs for the nearly five million residents of Brooklyn and Queens. The growing number of young people in these two boroughs lack opportunities for gaining higher education nearby, and must invest countless hours and resources in traveling to more distance campuses.

Furthermore, the central business districts (CBDs) in these two boroughs – Downtown Brooklyn and Long Island City - would greatly benefit from the cultural enrichment and economic stimulus that institutions of higher learning can provide. Both CBDs were recently rezoned to accommodate higher levels of development. Yet the recent economic downturn has left many development sites unused.

It has long been recognized that the City Planning Commission can use zoning as a tool to channel development to locations where it most benefits the city. The Commission should recognize its core mission to serve all of the city's citizens and not "up zone" the core of the city to serve the "perceived" needs of one institution. The Commission should work closely with NYU and other institutions of higher learning to develop a comprehensive plan for expansion that broadly benefits the entire city.

I've also attached my January 9, 2012 statement to the Manhattan Community Board Two Land Use Committee that discusses this issue as well.



George Haikalis
cc Planning Commission Members

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Comments at January 9, 2012 Manhattan Community Board Two, Land Use Committee meeting

Expand NYU Campus in Brooklyn not in Greenwich Village

As a civil engineer and transportation planner and a 48-year resident of Washington Square Village I would like to strongly urge that NYU drop its costly and disruptive plan to expand in Greenwich Village and instead expand its Brooklyn campus. In particular, NYU's plan to destroy the world-renowned Sasaki Garden that was constructed as an integral part of the Washington Square Village superblock complex is shortsighted. This complex is considered uniquely noteworthy by state and Federal historic preservation agencies and would certainly qualify as a NYC landmark. The tranquility of the garden and the ingenious selection and location of plants is a treasure that any great university would be proud to own and maintain. With some 90% of the residents in this complex either faculty or staff at NYU, the university is harming its greatest source of strength – its own people. Furthermore, by punishing faculty who take exception to this plan the university is destroying its very core bedrock principle of scholarly independence.

Combine higher learning for engineering and the humanities

When NYU eliminated its engineering program as it walked away from its Bronx campus during the fiscal crisis of the 1960s it lost a vital component of learning – science and technology. Through its recent merger with Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, NYU has once again become a “full-service” university. Mayor Michael Bloomberg's recent competitive initiative to create one or more centers for science and technology in NYC has turned the spotlight on NYU's Brooklyn campus. Many experts in higher learning have argued that a stand-alone engineering school makes little sense in today's complex integrated economy. NYU would be wise to expand its Brooklyn campus to add centers for learning in the fine arts, performing arts, education and history to meet NYC's education needs for the 21st Century. With 2.5 million residents, including many young people from abroad, Brooklyn needs an extraordinary university, built on an expanded Polytechnic Institute, to reach its full potential.

Expand in Downtown Brooklyn which has space and seeks additional development

Unlike Greenwich Village, which is already bursting at the seams, Downtown Brooklyn offers room for NYU to grow. Businesses and institutions there would be enhanced by an expansion of an institution of higher learning. Many development sites have already been rezoned for higher densities, and the Watchtower complex of some five million square feet of residential and commercial space will soon become available, as that entity advances its plan to relocate to Upstate New York.

NYU should withdraw its current expansion plan in the Village and prepare a new one with welcoming residents and businesses in Brooklyn. While some expansion may eventually be appropriate in the Village, this should be considered only after a Brooklyn expansion plan is carefully crafted.

Testimony of Perry Halkitis
Associate Dean for Research & Doctoral Studies
Steinhardt School of Culture, Education & Human Development
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon.

My name is Perry Halkitis. I am Associate Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies at The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University and also a resident of Washington Square Village.

I am here to speak on behalf of NYU2031.

Over the last 20 years, NYU has grown in stature as major research university. This has been in part accomplished by recruiting stellar research active faculty who have secured funding from the major federal entities including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation.

However research active faculty, ranging from wet lab based scientists to social scientists require space to do their work and to build their research enterprise. The space limitations evident at the Washington Square campus, however, create enormous challenges as we seek to continue to recruit and retain research active faculty who are critical in the training of the next generation of scientists in the United States.

In my role as Associate Dean for Research and Doctoral Studies, I am confronted on an ongoing basis by space requests of existing faculty who have secured external funding and by individuals whom we are attempting to recruit. In any given semester, I spend numerous hours working with my colleagues on the dean's team to attempt to locate space for these needs. This is not an easy task due to the space limitations available at Washington Square. In the summer of every academic year we also spend numerous hours reconfiguring offices which are simply too low in supply to accommodate new faculty members.

The struggles we and all of NYU faces with regard to space are very real and very tangible. As a result of our current limitation, we have lost very promising young scholars whom we were attempting to recruit simply and solely because we could not provide concrete evidence for potential lab spaces.

This situation necessitates an expansion of the space at Washington Square so that we can continue to grow as a leading research institution. The location of such space at Washington Square so that research labs and facilities are proximal to where undergraduate live and learn so to assure that we engage this next generation in the appropriate training that they require and deserve and so to assure that as a university we continue to effectively engage in the generation of scientific knowledge.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend that the City Planning Commission approve the NYU 2031 plan.

Ellen Halloran

144 Sullivan Street

New York, NY 10012

April 17, 2012

Amanda Burden

NYC Planning Commission

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

Dear Amanda Burden,

I am writing to express my opposition to NYU's 2031 ULURP proposal. Even the recently amended version of NYU's 2031 plan is unacceptable and would cause great harm to a vital neighborhood.

It strains credulity to accept NYU's contention that the addition of four buildings on two blocks will create open space.

As a member of LaGuardia Corner Gardens for over 25 years I am concerned about the harm that would be done to the trees, plants and wildlife that are dependent upon our community garden's open air and sunlight. Along with the Time Garden and other green strips on LaGuardia Place, Mercer Street, and the Sasaki Gardens, LaGuardia Corner Garden is a small yet significant part of the Atlantic Flyway corridor that birds follow back and forth in their annual migrations. These areas provide stopover habitat for migrating birds in fall and spring as well as seasonal nesting places for many urban birds.

I am requesting that all DOT land on the two 'superblocks' be transferred to the NYC Department of Parks. This would ensure that these strips of land remain open, publicly accessible land in perpetuity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ellen Halloran

NYU COLLEGE OF Nursing

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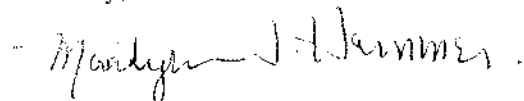
Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am an Assistant professor in the College of Nursing (NYUCN). As a junior faculty member and researcher, I was attracted to a faculty position at NYUCN because of its outstanding research standing and resources. However, the paucity of research space was noteworthy, especially for my program of research related to the effects of malglycemia on patients receiving bone marrow transplants.

The move of the College of Nursing to the First Avenue Health Science Corridor in 2015 will make available a significant amount of space in the NYU core campus at Washington Square. NYUCN will have more space in the new home, but so will our colleagues at Washington Square benefit from our vacated space.

Yet, there is not enough. To maintain the momentum of the past 10 years, I support the need for the NYU 2031 Plan. It provides a strategic and incremental plan for repurposing of aging buildings alongside incremental expansion of the academic infrastructure. This is essential to maintaining and growing an environment of excellence that brought me to NYU and NYUCN. I urge you to support this plan.

Sincerely,



Marilyn J Hammer, PhD, DC, RN
Assistant Professor, NYU College of Nursing

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Letter IN OPPOSITION to NYU Core Expansion Project:
ULURP Application #s: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners:

As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association, I wish to ask City Planning to vote NO on the above-referenced ULURP applications for the NYU 2031 Plan.

Our area is a long-established, historic residential neighborhood. Some of my concerns about NYU's Plan include that it will add a significant amount of bulk and density, dramatically increasing the student population in the Bleecker area. This will change the demographics of Greenwich Village, as well as bring student-serving retail where charming, neighborhood and visitor-serving retail currently exists.

Another shift will be the types of retail attracted to all this new NYU space that would be allowed by the requested rezoning: lower-end eating-and-drinking establishments, cheap clothing stores, and taverns. The BAMRA area's existing retail will not be able to survive, especially after being in a construction zone for much of the next 20 years, and the new retail replacing it will not be the type that attracts millions of visitors to our area each year. While most of the undergraduate population would not be of legal age to drink, underage drinking is a huge problem that cannot be allowed additional opportunities to grow. Noise is one of the greatest foes to this neighborhood's quality of life, and Greenwich Village already has it in abundance. The 10-12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and bars open until late at night will give us absolutely no respite, and the thousands of students residing in an area with reduced recreation space due to new building footprints will cause additional town/gown issues.

I hope you will deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks and build approximately two million square feet, do not allow NYU to take over public land for their own use, and ask you to preserve existing deed restrictions.

NYU has many other places where building would be better for NYC and would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Just as our children take public transportation to middle and high schools every day, a MetroCard provides a quick, easy, safe and sustainable method of transportation, so travel to other parts of NYC should not be an issue when considering NYU's application. **Please vote NO on the NYU Core Expansion Plan.**

Thank you,

Signed:  _____

Name: David Handker

Address: 158 Bleecker St. New York, NY 10012

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

JAN 31 2012

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Sincerely,

Helen Hanesian

1 Washington Square Village

NY NY 10012

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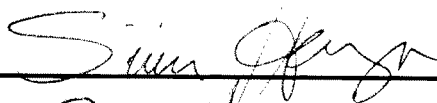
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PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO GO THROUGH!
(17 OF THOSE YEARS WERE SPENT AT THE
MERCER-HOUSTON DOORWAY)

Sincerely,

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SIIM HANJA
135 GREENE ST., 5S
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10012

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New York, New York

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Hon. ARMAND BURDEN
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22 REXBEE ST.
New York, NY 10007

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Bjorn Hanson, Ph.D. *Divisional Dean, Clinical Professor, HVS Chair*

April 23, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York New York 10007

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the information available to the City Planning Commission regarding the project that is being referred to as NYU 2031.

NYU is an extraordinary asset to New York and the region, and for our neighbors near Washington Square. Its value is because it is one of the finest research and teaching universities in the world. To maintain that position, NYU has been able to in the past, and must for its future, develop, change, respond, evolve and progress. Those require more research, ever more sophisticated laboratories, state-of-the-art classrooms, desirable student housing, functional faculty spaces and a variety of support facilities, not just for the essential operations of the University, but to attract faculty and students who have global choices of where to research, teach and learn.

Please consider what a lesser university NYU would be if its growth in the Washington Square area had been severely limited 30, 20 or 10 years ago. Instead of being one of the leading universities in the world, it would something much less and on a path of decline relative to other great universities. The best faculty and students are attracted to NYU to be part of the University community, so locations for all but a few small exceptions in other parts of New York are not viable alternatives.

I hope my brief comments are helpful in conveying the importance of NYU 2031 in the Washington Square area to New York and the region, and for our neighbors near Washington Square.

The NYU School for which I am serving as Co-interim Dean, The School of Continuing and Professional Studies, serves some of the most core of New York's sectors: Real Estate, Media, Publishing, Hospitality, Sports, Tourism, Global Affairs, Business, and provides highly specialized communities of adults desiring to complete undergraduate degrees (The Paul McGhee Division) and others pursuing career changes and advancement through our non-credit/continuing education programs (with more than 12,000 enrollments this year). We were fortunate to move to the new home for several of our Divisions, 7 East 12 Street last July. The effect on our faculty, students and staff has been extremely positive; I also believe the neighborhood has been enhanced and our management of the project demonstrates NYU's commitment to being a great neighbor.

Our ability to serve students and the employers seeking employees with sector-specific educated employees requires facilities that keep pace with the increasing and constantly changing needs and sophistication of these sectors.

I believe I fully understand many if not all of the concerns expressed by some area residents, including some affiliated with NYU. I cannot image anyone hoping there will be a large construction project where she or he lives or works. I serve in a role that allows me to know that NYU desires to be a good neighbor and that more than what could be expected for any normal project will be done to limit the unfavorable effects of the construction. And without construction, including large projects, and without what is located in those projects, New York would not be what is it as the world's greatest city.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the information available to the City Planning Commission, and for what you do for our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bjorn Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the top.

Bjorn Hanson, Ph.D.
Divisional Dean, The Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism, and
Sports Management
Co-Interim Dean, The School of Continuing and Professional Studies

Amanda Burden
22 Reade St
NYC, NY 10007

April 22, 2012

To the City Planning Commission:

I am a member of La Guardia Corner Gardens, a community garden of over 30 years that is situated on city owned land at Laguardia Place and Bleeker Street. I am also a resident of the area for over 10 years along with my wife who has been in the area for 20 years. I am writing to you about a very important decision and vote that will be made this week.

This is one of the most important letters I have ever written, for an imprudent decision would forever destroy lives of those in the immediate area, and beautiful public parks and city owned land lovingly cared for by volunteers would but a memory and a way of life would only be but a part of the history books.

On this day, Earth Day, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, is talking about the "greening of the city" while supporting the total destruction of already green spaces. One of which is La Guardia Corner Gardens; a registered Greenthumb, a designated Backyard Wildlife Habitat and a Monarch Way station.

La Guardia Corner Gardens along with the Sasaki Gardens, the Mercer Playground, the Mercer Street dog run, the Time Landscape and the open green spaces at the Silver Towers are in peril. They are valuable remnants of few remaining open spaces in the Greenwich Village area which are vital to the existence of those who live in the area and those who come to the Village for the tight and scale it is known for. The mere thought that these precious neighborhood oases could be replaced by giant buildings and towers to serve NYU's corporate greed and fill the coffers of their investors is criminal, unjust and myopic. Furthermore, many people of the neighborhood would be subjected to 20 plus years of living in a construction zone. The noise, traffic, fumes, dust, construction debris and construction vehicles including dangerous cranes for over 20 years would cause innumerable dangerous health and safety conditions. This is unacceptable and absolutely wrong for the neighborhood.

The Community Board has unanimously rejected the plan. The majority of the residents in the area oppose the plan, the local merchants oppose the plan, and at least 2/3's of the Faculty of NYU oppose the plan.

The voice of the people is SHOUTING, "NO!" It is time for the people (the taxpayers) to be listened to and heard.

We plead our case. We hope you are listening.

Please do the right thing and vote no against the NYU Sexton 2031 Plan.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Shinichi Harada

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 01/06/2012 22:45:33
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: aharlib@earthlink.net (Amy Harlib)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Amy Harlib (aharlib@earthlink.net) on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 22:45:33

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Harlib
Street Address: 212 West 22nd St 2N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011-2707
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-989-8217
Email Address: aharlib@earthlink.net

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From: aharlib@earthlink.net (Amy Harlib)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Harlib
Street Address: 212 West 22nd St 2N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011-2707
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-989-8217
Email Address: aharlib@earthlink.net

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From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725095684 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:23:48 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

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From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:54 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725095684 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725095684 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: aharlib@earthlink.net (Amy Harlib)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Harlib
Street Address: 212 West 22nd St
Address Number: 2N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011-2707
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-989-8217
Email Address: aharlib@earthlink.net
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727480129 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:52:55 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:08 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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M/M: Ms
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Harlib
Street Address: 212 West 22nd St
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Postal Code: 10011-2707
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729628189 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, February 24, 2012 8:39:30 AM

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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729628189 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: aharlib@earthlink.net (Amy Harlib)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Amy
Last Name: Harlib
Street Address: 212 West 22nd St 2N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011-2707
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-989-8217
Email Address: aharlib@earthlink.net

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Date: Monday, April 09, 2012 6:41:26 PM

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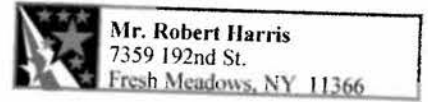
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*If you let NYU build so
big then St. John's U and
other colleges will try to
build very big also.*

Sincerely,

*Bob Harris, West Cunningham,
Park Civic Association, Fresh
Meadows Queens*

ARCHITECTURE

Mr. Robert Harris
7359 192nd St.
Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366

NO TO BIG
Room for Growth

New York University's latest proposal to expand its Greenwich Village campus seeks to add some 2.5 million square feet of new construction to the two superblocks the university owns below Washington Square Park. Somewhere between the school's grand plans, which imagine giant crescent-shaped towers in the open space between the two 1950s apartment slabs of the Washington Square Village housing complex, and the neighborhood's need for open space and porous streets, is a middle ground preferred by Michael Kimmelman.

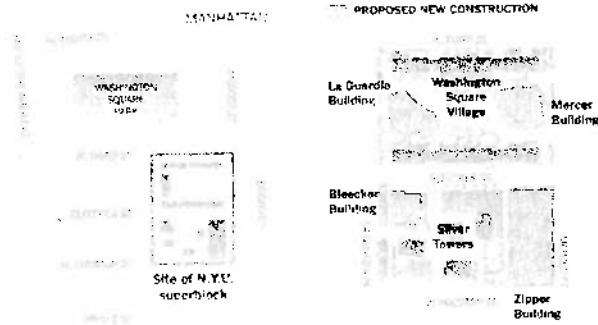


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MICHAEL HART

505 CAGUARDIA PLACE, NY, 10012.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728033854 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 4:40:44 PM

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Middle Name: G
Last Name: Hart
Street Address: 505 La Guardia Place
Address Number: 17A
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 3478060808
Email Address: michaelgh@verizon.net

Message: I am a building code consultant or expeditor. The current plan will blight the area for 20 year, it will make the 2nd Avenue subway look like child's play, and create an end result of transient housing in the whole area. The plan serves only NYU. The plan robs the city of tax dollars in so many ways, as well as of construction dollars to the parks department that developers usually pay to relocate trees. It promises schools and parks it cannot create without city and state funding. (A standard bait and switch that they later blame the city for.) The waivers that are requested from zoning mean the buildings will encroach on space and other buildings and the justification is purely so the NYU buildings can be unchecked in a massive design. (They want to waive a ten foot setback from the street and to keep corners of large square footprints just because they want more useable office and class space.) The collection of waivers they require is the only way they can build this project the way they want, even though they keep minimizing each little waiver, and as a collection it is unprecedented. This is like building the Nets arena in the village! And although

they can profess independent analysis these towers and structures are not going through the rigorous codes relating to light , etc. that apply to tall buildings in midtown districts. !They do not need these buildings but rather hope that if they build it future students will come. But they do not care about the quality of life of either the students, the faculty or more importantly the residents and constituents of NYC. A compromise of this plan that respects the current village environment must be made.

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305 La Guardia Place apt 11C

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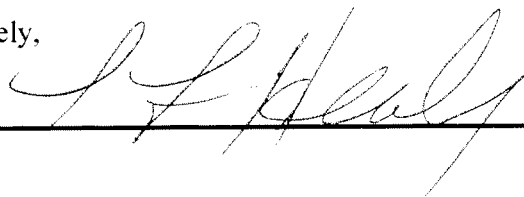
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Gail McLeod Harley 2 Wash Sq Vill

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NYU has paraded a number of people before the media and public – politicians, unions, editorial boards, etc. – to say that they support the university's Plan 2031. None of these people actually live on the superblocks between Houston and West 3rd Streets, LaGuardia Place and Mercer St. This area has approximately 2,400 residential units and an estimated population of between 4,500 and 5,000. It is quite stunning and terrifying to us that no one appears to consider, or care about, the destruction of our neighborhood and our quality of life for the next 20 years (this according to NYU's own timeline). Many of us will spend the rest of our lives on a construction site. Babies now being born will go off to college, having spent their entire childhood in a toxic environment without the playgrounds, fresh air and open space amenities which the community has developed over the past 50 years since these blocks were last under construction.

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While there have been town/gown differences over the years, NYU and Greenwich Village have for the most part co-existed reasonably amicably for a long time, and the university is highly regarded as an institution of learning. However, its reputation as a real estate developer is now taking precedence over education. Our message to NYU is, "You exist in our neighborhood. We do not live on your campus."

As you consider your vote on this outrageous and obscene plan, we ask you please to take into account the impact on the quality of life of our residents and, above all, the destruction of an important section of Greenwich Village. NYU has received welcome messages from parts of the city where their development would be entirely appropriate. Vote NO and send this plan back to the drawing board. Thank you.

Anne Hearn
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New York, NY 10012
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MARTIN M. HECHTMAN

119 SPRING ST NYC 10012

May 5, 2012

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The damage would be even greater than this, however. NYU's plan is only supposed to satisfy the university's growth needs for 19 years, until 2031. What will happen after that? By encouraging the university to continue its expansion in the Village rather than pursuing viable alternatives, NYU will inevitably come back in 19 years and ask for more public land, or more zoning protections to be overturned, or a way to shoehorn more new facilities into places they were never intended, to accommodate their continuing growth. The university will continue to swallow up and dominate more and more of this vital historic, low-rise neighborhood.

This is an awful fate you would be approving for the Village. But it's also a lost opportunity not only for New York City, but for NYU. Other locations, easily connected by mass transit to NYU's facilities could accommodate not only the next 19 years of NYU's growth, but the next several decades. The city has identified areas such as the Financial District, Downtown Brooklyn, Long Island City, and Hudson Yards as places where long-term, large scale growth is not only desirable but necessary. Community leaders in many of these areas have said that they would welcome NYU. NYU development in these areas would have greater economic benefits and fewer negative impacts, and by not forcing the university to build deep underground and between existing buildings, could be much greener as well.

The City Planning Commission is supposed to plan for New York City's future. This is not a plan that is good for anyone's future. Say no to this plan, send it back to the drawing board, and work with NYU to find a plan that is sustainable, sensitive, and right for the future of New York City.

My three children and I walk, scoot and stroll through both the Super Block and the Washington Square Village almost every day on the way to school. This route provides us much needed safe

open space without fear of cars, and traffic. Please consider the children above all. There is so little friendly territory for them!

Sincerely,

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Emily Hellstrom

66 Crosby Street, #6E NY NY 10012

Planning Commission Hearing
April 25, 2012
Peter Blair Henry
Dean, NYU Leonard N. Stern School of Business

My name is Peter Blair Henry, and I am testifying in my capacity as Dean of the NYU Stern School of Business in support of the University's 2031 plans. I want to share evidence that illustrates why NYU needs more space to continue its ascent to one of the country's leading research universities.

The Stern School of Business, like many other NYU schools, is so space-constrained that I recently convened a faculty committee to make difficult choices among the many departments and programs that require additional space. Currently, we have to limit new class offerings, we are unable to add new sections to high demand courses, students struggle to find places to study on campus, and we find ourselves turning down thought leaders offering to speak to our students due to lack of space. Looking longer term, our space challenge threatens the essence of our mission: the role of a great school as a hub of ideas, a magnet for talent, an engine of creativity, convening point for the dialogue.

I would like to focus my remarks on the suggestion that one solution to the space needs of NYU generally, and Stern specifically, is for the Stern school to relocate to the financial district. This suggestion is neither advantageous nor advisable.

I began my tenure as Dean of NYU Stern in January 2010, committed to the fact that the world needs a new generation of business leaders who grasp the bigger picture, can think beyond traditional boundaries of a business education and understand the possibility of business - and activate it - as a force for good. Delivering on that vision rests on our ability to deepen and diversify our academic excellence and leverage of the critical areas of intersection with NYU.

Specifically, this means ensuring that our students can take classes at other NYU schools and vice versa. Today, our undergraduate students are taking 50% of their classes at other schools within NYU. At the graduate level, NYU Stern has 9 joint degree programs with other NYU schools, including the MBA/MPA with the Wagner School of Public Policy, a JD/MBA with the Law School, the MBA/MFA with the Tisch School of the Arts, and the MD/MBA program with the medical school we launched this year, among others in our portfolio. These programs and course offerings would be much more difficult for students and faculty from all over the university to navigate if NYU Stern moved to the financial district. It is in fact, programs such as these and innovations in curriculum that are fundamental to attracting the best and the brightest students and faculty to NYU. In fact, one of the factors that attracted me from Stanford was the potential I saw in the collaboration across the schools at NYU—to fulfill our promise to develop people and ideas that create value for not only business, but also society.

NYU Stern is a preeminent school with strong ties to many industries. We are known for excellence in finance, management, economics, information systems, operations management and marketing to name a few. Given these areas of strength, geographic proximity to Wall Street is not particularly relevant; rather, proximity to colleagues in similar fields at other NYU colleges, such as Arts & Sciences, the Wagner School of Public Policy, and the Law School is far more important. Being part of a vibrant, ecumenical and diverse community of scholars is what makes an institution great, and NYU Stern is no exception.

To strip the school of proximity to NYU and to encourage a perception that as a business school, our mission is to feed the pipeline to Wall Street would be misguided, and in fact, a step back for us, not a step forward. In summary, NYU Stern should remain in the Village as part of the Washington Square Campus, enabling the free flow of students, faculty and ideas across the many intersections between NYU schools. The University's 2031 plan is not simply about real estate but goes hand in hand with our ability to fulfill our mission as a university.

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NYU has a track record of erecting particularly UGLY buildings. It is simply unfathomable that NYU should be allowed to build yet another series of architectural monstrosities in Greenwich Village

Sincerely,

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William T. Comfort, III Professor of Law

April 24th, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
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Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I write regarding the New York University's proposal to construct roughly two million square feet of mixed-use office and residential floor area around Washington Square. NYU's 2031 plan is, of course, controversial with the community and opposed by Community Board 2. I do not express any opinion about the ultimate merits of the plan.

Instead, I offer only the observation that the various alternative proposals floated by opponents of the 2031 plan to locate NYU's office and residential space south of Canal Street in the Financial District are ill-advised. Universities depend on the physical concentration of academics and students within close proximity of each other, to facilitate the informal and cross-disciplinary interaction that distinguishes a residential program from a correspondence school. Sprawling NYU's departments across New York City without regard to the benefits of this interaction destroys the whole point of a university.

My opinion is based on my experience as a law professor at two major research institutions. I am the William T. Comfort III Professor of Law at New York University Law School where I have taught local government law and land-use regulation (among other courses) for the last six years. Before 2006, I was a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School. My research has been on topics in constitutional law, statutory interpretation, land-use regulation, local government law, and administrative law. At both institutions, my teaching and research have been focused on land use and local government law.

Based on my personal experience as a member of two academic communities as well as my research and teaching of land-use law, the dispersion of faculty and students away from the central campus destroys what Harvard economist Edward Glaeser calls "agglomeration economies"—the increased productivity and creativity resulting from interaction with other workers. People learn from each other most when they can interact informally through close physical proximity. E-mail and skypeing are simply no substitute for the

serendipitous collaborations resulting from informal meetings at afternoon workshops, over dinner following a seminar, or in study groups before an exam.

My personal experience with my students and colleagues has brought home to me the real costs of physical dispersion. I simply do not interact much in person with academics in field up at Columbia Law School, because I cannot make time for a regular 80-minute roundtrip commute just to have coffee, brainstorm informally over lunch, attend workshops, or just run into my fellow land-use and local government scholars on the sidewalk or in a café. Dispersing colleagues to (for instance) the financial district will destroy the informal interaction that is the whole point of a university.

Of course, preservation of the existing neighborhood's ambience is also an important goal. I do not express any ultimate opinion about whether adding two million square feet to the West Village will impose costs in excess of the benefits of agglomeration. Given that New York City expects to add roughly a million people to its population by 2030—an increase of 18% -- one might expect that neighborhoods like the West Village that are close to transit infrastructure would expect to expand their zoning envelope to accommodate the additional population's need for employment and study. On the other hand, I am a resident of Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, not Community District 2, and I will not experience the loss of light, increase in sidewalk densities, or other erosions of aesthetic values that NYU's proposed buildings might impose on residents living near to Washington Square.

Instead, I offer only the observation that it is not costless to exile a university's academic offices and their occupants away from that university's central campus. Acknowledging that the balance is difficult to strike, I urge that you do not lightly dismiss the benefits to the NYU community of a central campus that facilitates collaboration and interaction.

Sincerely,

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Roderick M. Hills, Jr.

April 8, 2012

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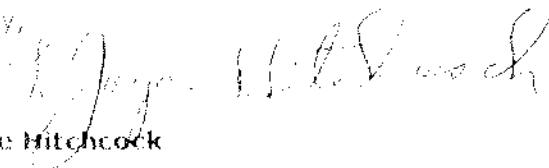
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Besides the fact that NYU architecture of the past 25 years is truly unattractive, the sad fact is that it lasts a long time.

Sincerely,



L. Joyce Hitchcock

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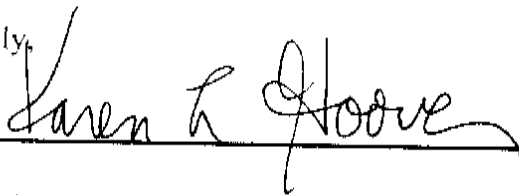
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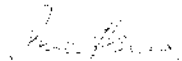
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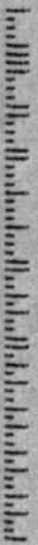
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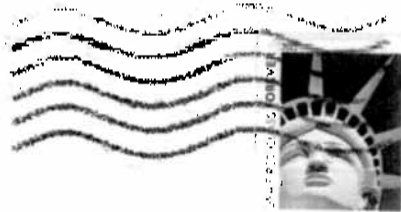
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Enough expansion
has already taken place

Photo: Sara Jones

Thanks John Howell

LaGuardia Corner Gardens, NYC
est: 1981 on Bleecker St.
P.O. Box 79 Prince Street Station
New York, N.Y. 10012



Stop the NYU 2031 Plan
A line in Stuyvesant
NYU is moving in
and taking over our
space. The history of
gardens & playground
is only the beginning
of losing my home.

Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Com.
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February 6, 2012

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New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Doris Haines

Let NYU limit another area.

It is not for the public that it is done, only greed.

City Planning Commission
Calendar Information Office - Room 2E
22 Reade Street
New York, N.Y. 10007

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Letter IN OPPOSITION to NYU Core Expansion Project:
ULURP Application #s: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners:

As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association, I wish to ask City Planning to vote NO on the above-referenced ULURP applications for the NYU 2031 Plan.

Our area is a long-established, historic residential neighborhood. Some of my concerns about NYU's Plan include that it will add a significant amount of bulk and density, dramatically increasing the student population in the Bleecker area. This will change the demographics of Greenwich Village, as well as bring student-serving retail where charming, neighborhood and visitor-serving retail currently exists.

Another shift will be the types of retail attracted to all this new NYU space that would be allowed by the requested rezoning: lower-end eating-and-drinking establishments, cheap clothing stores, and taverns. The BAMRA area's existing retail will not be able to survive, especially after being in a construction zone for much of the next 20 years, and the new retail replacing it will not be the type that attracts millions of visitors to our area each year. While most of the undergraduate population would not be of legal age to drink, underage drinking is a huge problem that cannot be allowed additional opportunities to grow. Noise is one of the greatest foes to this neighborhood's quality of life, and Greenwich Village already has it in abundance. The 10-12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and bars open until late at night will give us absolutely no respite, and the thousands of students residing in an area with reduced recreation space due to new building footprints will cause additional town/gown issues.

I hope you will deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks and build approximately two million square feet, do not allow NYU to take over public land for their own use, and ask you to preserve existing deed restrictions.

NYU has many other places where building would be better for NYC and would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Just as our children take public transportation to middle and high schools every day, a MetroCard provides a quick, easy, safe and sustainable method of transportation, so travel to other parts of NYC should not be an issue when considering NYU's application. **Please vote NO on the NYU Core Expansion Plan.**

Thank you,

Signed: Isaac Hoxie

Name: Isaac Hoxie

Address: 230 Thompson St. NYC 10012

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January 4, 2012

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ABSOLUTELY NO
TO NYU 2031

Sincerely,

Elaine Hudson, PRESIDENT
MERCER STREET BLOCK ASSN.

250 MERCER ST #C302

New York, NY 10012

ELAINE.NYC@GMAIL.COM

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K. A. Nulty

Kathleen Nulty

505 Laguardia Pl. #21-A

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May 1, 2012

Chair of the City Planning Commission.
City Planning Commission
32 Rade Street.
NY, NY 10007

Re. Vote NO on NYU Destruction
Plan 2013-2031.

I am a faculty at NYU who utterly
oppose any further NYU building on
the "Super Blocks" in Greenwich Village.
This massive construction will
enhance neither the educational
experience of the students nor the
economic vitality of Greenwich Village.

I urge the City Planning Commission
to vote an absolute NO on any
construction on the already over
built blocks of Greenwich Village.
Thank you.

Kathleen Hully, Professor of Literature
7 East 12th Street
N.Y. NY 10003

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-746074563 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 11:21:28 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-746074563

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From: kh3@nyu.edu (Kathleen Hulley)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Kathleen Hulley (kh3@nyu.edu) on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 11:19:15

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Kathleen
Last Name: Hulley
Company: New York University
Street Address: 7 East 12th Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Email Address: kh3@nyu.edu

Message: Please urge the Planning Commission to vote NO on any construction whatsoever by NYU in the Super Blocks in Greenwich Village. The NYU plan -- which will turn the heart of Greenwich Village into a congested construction site for over 20 years -- is destructive to both the quality of education at NYU and to the quality of life in Greenwich Village and the city. It will cause NYU to raise tuition, rents, and debt on students and faculty. It will cause businesses in the construction area to close.No compromises. Just say NO. If NYU really needs so much space, the Wall Street area is begging for this development.

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April 30, 2012

Amanda Burden, Chair
New York City Planning Dept.
22 Reade Street
NY NY 10007

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Thank you. Yours Truly,

Laurel Hulley
128 West 11th St.
NY NY 10011

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Date: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 10:59:20 AM

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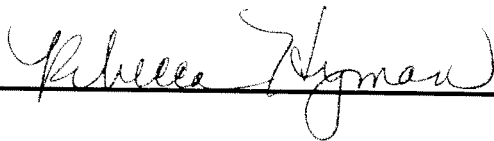
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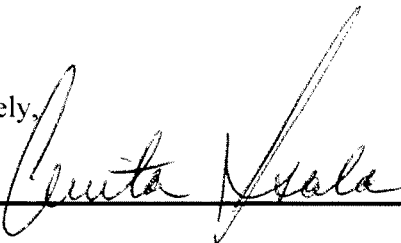
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Anita Isola

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NY, NY 10003

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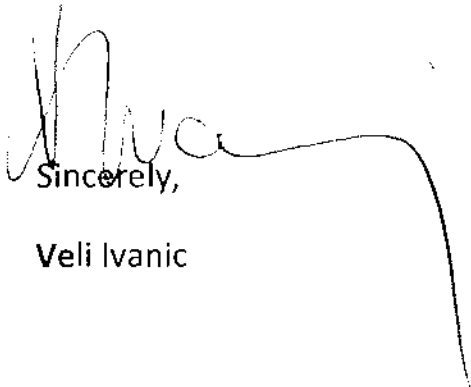
77 Bleeker Street, Apt 709

New York City 10012

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Dear Chair,

As a New Yorker, I strongly oppose NYU's drastic and overblown expansion plan in Greenwich Village. It's a gross misuse of University funds and a terribly planned expansion that will destroy the Greenwich Village neighborhood.



Sincerely,

Veli Ivanic

City Planning Commission
22 Reade St.
New York, NY 10007

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To Whom It May Concern,

Having been a lifetime resident of Greenwich Village, I'm writing to you about my concern regarding the NYU 2031 plan.

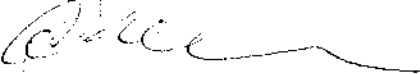
I understand that NYU is part of The Village, and it's development, it's success, and it's future. I have no interest in seeing things stay the same. I am employed by NYU. But the extent of the plan, the size, and attempt to rezone an historic residential neighborhood has taken on a colossal scale. There is a disturbing profiteering element to NYU as a landlord, and its track record as far as architectural choices has been dismal.

I ask the commission to scale back this project to a reasonable size; that will not impact the character of this unique part of the city so drastically. The concept of a hotel supporting the internationalization of the school is particularly upsetting, since it would bring a constant transient population and increase an already huge plan for housing units, and commercial enterprise.

I work at Tisch School Of The Arts, and although there has been testimony to the contrary, I see no reason that another area of the city could not house any facilities needed.

Please consider carefully.

Sincerely,



Andrew Jackness
505 LaGuardia Place, #24A
New York, NY 10012

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Don Jacobs, 7 West. St. Vlg., #3A
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P.S. I'm counting on you to protect our neighborhood and our greenspace!
AJG

Sincerely,

Anita L. Jaffe (ANITA L. JAFFE)

4 Washington Square Village, NY, NY 10012-1901

THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN A5 IS

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

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NYU construction would continue in the Village for the next 20 years. If the construction would be nothing to benefit the Village, because they given this property in the first place to all the other people who were there and expansion will be not be recent and protect it

Sincerely,

A. Angelina Jones

February 2, 2012

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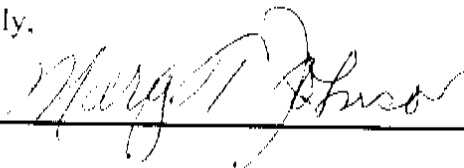
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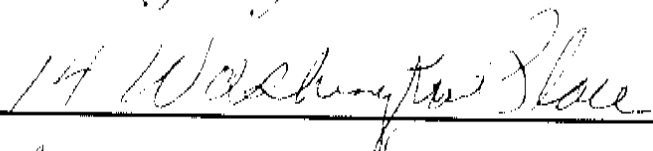
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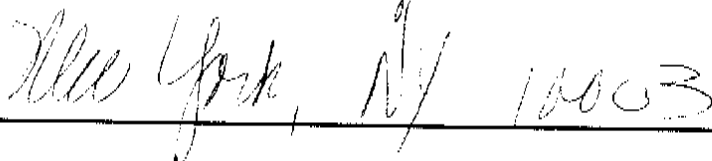
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Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729236790 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
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January 4, 2012

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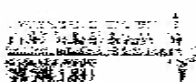


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BARA JOHNSON

LaGuardia Corner Gardens, NYC
est: 1981 on Bleecker St.
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Once public land is gone
we never get it back.
Greenwich Village should
not give up gardens, parks
and playgrounds for hotels
and retail space. Scale
it back SAY NO to ULURP
Rezoning here sets a new
low standard. Don't let
it be your legacy. Do the
right thing SAY NO to NYU
Thank You 2031

AMANDA BURDEN
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17 THOMPSON ST NYC NY 10012

Using La Guardia Gardens
as construction staging area
while they fix the rest of
the block is just destructive.
Scaffolding for Community
garden for 3-5 years will
dissapate the gardening
community.

Please consider residents
and neighbors vote, students
do not. Residents pay
taxes, students do not.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sara Jones

OFFICE OF THE
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JAN 27 2012

2422



Ms. Sara Jones
171 Thompson St Apt 8
New York NY 10012-4967

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Happy New Year

I urge you to vote No on the
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plan. It destroys our twenty
neighborhood with twenty
years of construction.
It sets a bad precedent
to give Public lands to
private institutions.
This ULURP is wrong for this
neighborhood.

Please review the green open
spaces that exist to the open
spaces that are in the report.
Not counting the Sasaki Garden
as open space is deceitful.

Trees do more than you think.

Over 2,200 tons of air pollutants are filtered out and cleaned each year by New York City's trees—a significant citywide benefit given that poor air quality has long been linked to respiratory diseases. There's evidence to suggest that children in neighborhoods with fewer than average trees have a higher incidence of asthma. New York Restoration Project is working to plant trees especially where they are most needed to purify the air. So breathe a little easier!

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A deep snow blanketed the Garden that winter and we started our annual "Snow Duty": voluntary sign-up of garden members for shoveling the sidewalk when it snows.

(view is from the south looking north)



Spring '83 we installed the boards between our plots (view north from plot 18)



We moved the shed and began crushing the rock pile (see photo)

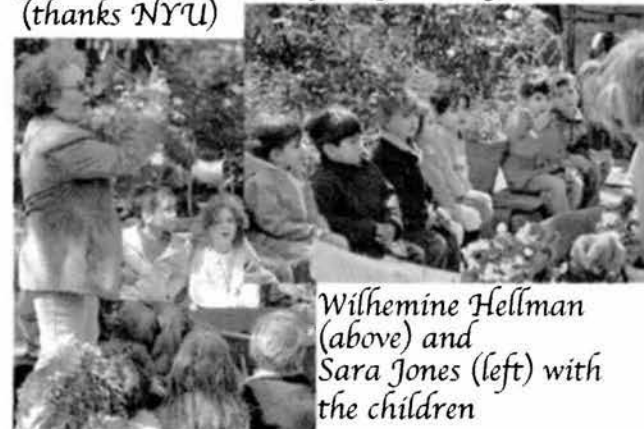
Jeffrey spent the summer of 1983 breaking up bricks for the path bed before the marble chips were added in the 90's



In April 1985 our water supply was installed. (Note the wooden stockade/shed where our steel shed is now.)



After 25 years we still serve the community with Open Hours to invite visitors into the Garden, cultural events including poetry readings and music, as well as programs to educate our youngest neighbors (thanks NYU)



Wilhemine Hellman (above) and Sara Jones (left) with the children

Many thanks to our generous supporters and neighbors, GreenThumb, the City of New York, our council member Alan Gerson, and the following special sponsors of this event:

- ♦ **Arturo's Restaurant**
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- ♦ **Bruno's Bakery**
LaGuardia Place
- ♦ **Ennio and Michael's Restaurant**
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- ♦ Greenwich Village Block Association
- ♦ BAMRA

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FEB 27 2012

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Dear Amanda Burden

I urge you to reject NYU 2031. Re-zoning public lands for private development is wrong. The University is asking for too much of an intrusive and obnoxious, imprint on our community. Two and a half million square feet is too much.

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They see the future of Mercer Street as an extension of Broadway with a hotel and a mall in the bottom two floors of the Zipper building that surrounds Mercer Street around to Green Street. The freshman can walk from their dorm on Bleecker to the Mercer mall. Very suburban. Is this a plan for a University or for a real estate corporation? What happens if the rezoning passes but the University doesn't have the money to build? Do they get to sell our previously public lands to the highest bidding developer? The residential voters do not want this and we will remember your stand on this issue when we vote.

NYU does not see or appreciate the neighborhood we live in. The NYU Board of Directors is stacked with developers and this is a land grab. Go downtown where 2 1/2 million square ft is available. Go to the new twin towers. Be a "presence" on Wall St. Don't build this monstrosity here in Greenwich Village.

Sincerely

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Chair: LaGuardia Corner Gardens

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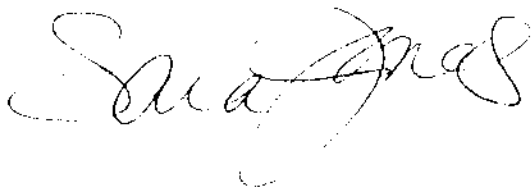
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Respectfully:

Sara Jones : LaGuardia Corner Gardens: Chair



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Located in the shadowy alley East of the Bobst Library is a shallow (1 Ft. deep) stone planter 25 ft X 30 ft with a brass plaque declaring it NYU's Native Woodland Garden. It contains 5 dwarf dogwoods and under 10 varieties of native plants neatly organized into triangular patches. In contrast the community's idea of a native woodland garden is a 40 ft X 200 ft lot designed by Alan Sonofist in 1979, containing over 30 mature trees and a collection of well over 50 established native plant species maintained by a local volunteer. I am afraid NYU's idea of a community garden is the 6 coldframes that are placed behind their Citibank strip mall, not the 40 ft X 150 ft mature perennial garden that has served as the oldest community garden in NYC.

Public Land Must Remain Public!

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Encl: 1 page Plant survey of LaGuardia Corner Garden

2 page HPD agreement Between Avalon & Liz Christy Garden

1 color brochure History of LaGuardia Corner Gardens

Plant Survey
East side of LaGuardia Place between Houston and Bleecker Streets

Species	Size	Value
<u>Peach</u>		
<u>Black Pine</u>		
<u>Ilex 6 varieties</u>		
<u>Crabapple 2</u>		
<u>Apple</u>		
<u>Pear</u>		
<u>Quince 3</u>		
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<u>Hydrangea 12</u>		
<u>Japanese tree pconies 3</u>		
<u>chamarciperis 5 ft</u>	<u>yew, juniper, 3 , mungo 2</u>	<u>Evergreens</u>
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Agreement Reached on Protection and Improvements for Liz Christy Garden
8/4/05

Housing Preservation and Development are pleased to announce an agreement to mitigate the effects of construction of the Chrystie Place II building at

Cooper Square on the adjacent Liz Christy garden. The garden is on East Houston

Street between the Bowery and Second Avenue on Manhattan's Lower East Side. The City has negotiated a creative deal under which the developer, Avalon Bay

Communities, has agreed to reconfigure the building and spend \$159,250 on mitigation for the garden.

This will allow housing construction -- including affordable units-- to begin. As the agreement was devised the City listened carefully to the gardeners and responded to major concerns they raised.

Under the agreement -- devised with the input of the Liz Christy gardeners

and professional arborists -- Avalon Bay will reconfigure the building to

protect specific trees in the garden. However, in order to be able to build to

the total square footage. property line a temporary encroachment into the garden will be necessary to shore up the ground while the foundation is being poured. This will prevent

any collapse in the garden. The builders will excavate no more than three feet on

to the Garden property for this shoring process, affecting only about 3% of

the total square footage. During this process Avalon Bay will mitigate the

construction in several ways and will provide money for restoration after

construction is completed.

Under the details of the carefully negotiated agreement Avalon Bay will:

b Provide \$80,000 for a new steel-picket fence around Liz Christy and the Rock and Rose gardens

b Provide a \$50,000 plant replacement fund for new trees and plantings upon completion of the work that requires the temporary encroachment.

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b Provide \$7,250 for a trellis along the eastern portion of the garden's property line to support vines and for a water and electricity hook-up to the garden

b Pay for a consulting arborist and a consulting landscape architect.

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b Coordinate the schedule of work with gardeners to allow them access to garden after hours.

b Redesign the eastern portion of building to not be at property line in order to preserve a significant tree, the Dawn Redwood.

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of building to preserve a mature Blue Atlas Cedar.

b Redesign the building so the windows on first floor will not look straight out on garden.



31-JUL-2005

Hubert :

Garden View

LaGuardia Place Corner Community Garden - NYC

*More photos of LaGuardia Place Corner Community Garden can be viewed at
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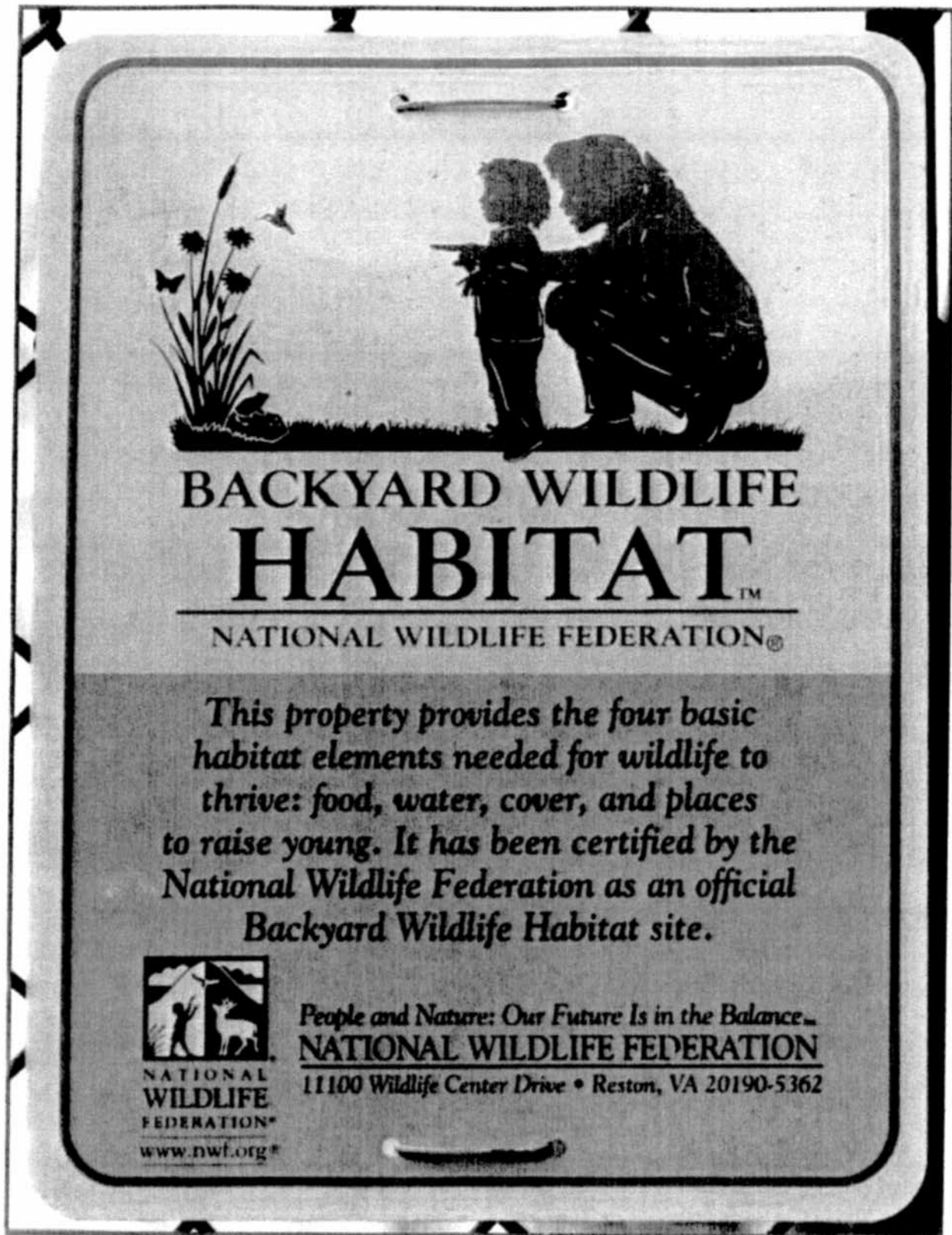
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A person could get lost in there. Lovely mature flower garden and the woman in the hat fits in perfectly and adds interest to the photo.

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Backyard Wildlife Habitat Marker

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We respectfully submit a brief history of the Garden, attached.

We have also completed a survey of the 133 trees that reside on the DOT strips that we wish to place in the public record. The DOT strip where they are located, the size and species are identified. This arborist report should be an indication of the valuable resources that our community would lose if construction is allowed on the public lands.

Furthermore, when the Morton Williams site is constructed we request the same agreement that Avalon had with Liz Christy garden. A copy of that agreement is also attached for the public record. NYU disrespects our valuable resource enough to suggest that it be a staging area for construction. This is totally unacceptable.

Respectfully: 

Sara Jones : LaGuardia Corner Gardens: Chair

171 Thompson Street #8 NYC, NY 10012

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Encl: 11 page Tree survey of DOT strips

2 page HPD agreement Between Avalon & Liz Christy Garden

1 color brochure History of LaGuardia Corner Gardens

http://www.mail-archive.com/community_garden@list.communitygarden.org/msg01527.html
Agreement Reached on Protection and Improvements for Liz Christy Garden
8/4/05

Housing Preservation and Development are pleased to announce an agreement to mitigate the effects of construction of the Chrystie Place II building at Cooper Square on the adjacent Liz Christy garden. The garden is on East Houston Street between the Bowery and Second Avenue on Manhattan's Lower East Side. The City has negotiated a creative deal under which the developer, Avalon Bay Communities, has agreed to reconfigure the building and spend \$159,250 on mitigation for the garden.

This will allow housing construction -- including affordable units-- to begin. As the agreement was devised the City listened carefully to the gardeners and responded to major concerns they raised.

Under the agreement -- devised with the input of the Liz Christy gardeners and professional arborists -- Avalon Bay will reconfigure the building to protect specific trees in the garden. However, in order to be able to build to the total square footage, property line a temporary encroachment into the garden will be necessary to shore up the ground while the foundation is being poured. This will prevent any collapse in the garden. The builders will excavate no more than three feet on to the Garden property for this shoring process, affecting only about 3% of the total square footage. During this process Avalon Bay will mitigate the construction in several ways and will provide money for restoration after construction is completed.

Under the details of the carefully negotiated agreement Avalon Bay will:

- b Provide \$80,000 for a new steel-picket fence around Liz Christy and the Rock and Rose gardens
- b Provide a \$50,000 plant replacement fund for new trees and plantings upon completion of the work that requires the temporary encroachment.
- b Provide \$20,000 to remove rock and debris from adjacent Rock and Rose

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garden at the gardeners' direction.

b Provide \$2,000 to install cobblestone treepits around the street trees surrounding the garden

b Provide \$7,250 for a trellis along the eastern portion of the garden's property line to support vines and for a water and electricity hook-up to the garden

b Pay for a consulting arborist and a consulting landscape architect.

b Redesign the scaffolding to maximize sunlight for the garden.

b Coordinate the schedule of work with gardeners to allow them access to garden after hours.

b Redesign the eastern portion of building to not be at property line in order to preserve a significant tree, the Dawn Redwood.

b Redesign the placement of pilings and retaining wall on the western portion

of building to preserve a mature Blue Atlas Cedar.

b Redesign the building so the windows on first floor will not look straight out on garden.

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TREE SURVEY

GLAISER HORT CONSULTING

CONDUCTED APRIL 2012

KEY:

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Species	Size DBH	Health Value
LITTLE LEAF LINDEN	15.5 G	582
MULTI CRABAPPLE	15.5 P	550
CRABAPPLE	15.5 P	436
YACONIA	16.5 G	610
CRABAPPLE	6 DBE	89
LONDON PLUM	16 DBE	210
CRABAPPLE	8 DBE	151
LONDON PLUM	16 DBE	210
CALGARY PEAR	8 P DBE	137
CRABAPPLE	8 DBE	151
CALGARY PEAR	8.8 G	190
CALGARY PEAR	9 G	199
CALGARY PEAR	10.2 G	256
CALGARY PEAR	8.5 G	118
CALGARY PEAR	9 G	199

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DBE : DAMAGED BY CONSTRUCTION
DUE TO TRAVY MACHINERY

LaGuardia Place between Bleecker and West Third Streets

Species	Size DBH	Health Value
HONEY LOCUST	16.6	631
HONEY LOCUST	11.6 G	525
HONEY LOCUST	16.6 G	611
HONEY LOCUST	16.6	631
HONEY LOCUST	11.6 G	763
HONEY LOCUST	21.3 G	1118
MULEFEET CALGARY	25.7	1920
PEAR CALGARY	7.6 G	142
PEAR CALGARY	9.2 G	208
PEAR CALGARY	7.6 G	142
PEAR CALGARY	8.3 G	169
PEAR	9.2 G	208
PAGODA	14.4 G	510
CRABAPPLE	10.3 P	246
HONEY LOCUST	10.3	246

Notes:

Tree Survey
LaGuardia Place between Bleecker and West Third Streets

Species	Size DBH	Health Value
CRABAPPLE	3.8 G	231
CRABAPPLE	4.8 VG	57
CRABAPPLE	2.9 VG	86
CRABAPPLE	5 G	62
PAGODA	17.2 VG	137
PAGODA	16.8 G	615
CRABAPPLE	9.5 F	222
CRABAPPLE	3.1	199
CRABAPPLE	8.7 P	187
LONDON PLANE	17.4 VG	746
CRABAPPLE	8.2 F	165
PAGODA	15.8 G	623
PAGODA	15.3 G	576
WETLE WART LINDEN	16.5 G	670

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Tree Survey

LaGuardia Place between Houston and Bleecker Streets

NORTH >> SOUTH

Species	Size	Value
PEACH	8 G	150
BLACK PINE	12 P	555
CRABAPPLE	13 VG	417
APPLE	13 G	417
CRABAPPLE	5 TP	60
PEAR	1 VG	40

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NORTH > SOUTH

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Tree Survey

East side of LaGuardia Place between Houston and Bleecker Streets

Species	Size	Value
HONEY LOCUST	17 VG	712
HONEY LOCUST	15.2 VG	585
HONEY LOCUST	24.2 VG	1413
HONEY LOCUST	14.4 VG	510
HONEY LOCUST	14 VG	483
HONEY LOCUST	12.6 F DBC	585
HONEY LOCUST	14.2 DBC	480
HONEY LOCUST	16.4 F DBC	665
HONEY LOCUST	14 F	485
HONEY LOCUST	16 G	200
HONEY LOCUST	11.8 G	310
HONEY LOCUST	20 VG	986

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TIME LANDSCAPE

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NORTH TO SOUTH

Tree Survey

East side of LaGuardia Place between Houston and Bleecker Streets

Species	Size	Value
WHITE OAK	12 G	355
GREEN ASH	10 G	247
GREEN ASH	10 G	247
PIN OAK	4 G	40
MULTI GREEN ASH	5.51	75
X AMERICAN ELM	21 VG	1120
PIN OAK	6 P	88
GREEN ASH	8 F	158
SWEET GUM	11 G	483
SWEET GUM	8 F	158
BLACK CHERRY	4 F	40
PED OAK	11 G	483
AMERICAN BEECH	8 F DBC	158
	10 F DBC	247
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TIME LANDSCAPE
NORTH > SOUTH



Tree Survey
East side of LaGuardia Place between Houston and Bleecker Streets

Species	Size	Value
AMERICAN BEECH	10 F	247
BLACK CHERRY	10 F	247
AMERICAN BEECH	8 F	158
AMERICAN BEECH	20 F	386
AMERICAN BEECH	20 F	386
TRIPLE BLACK CHERRY	14 F	483
BLACK CHERRY	6 F	89
RED HONEY LOCUST	14 F	483
MULTI WHITE HAZEL	F	
MULTI WHITE HAZEL	F	

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Tree Survey
Mercer Street between Houston and Bleecker Streets

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	Species	Size	Value
DOG	HONEY LOCUST	8 G	195
FRW	HONEY LOCUST	16.6 G	277
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	KWANZAN	16.6 P	107
	CHERRY	11 VG	112
	KWANZAN	8.2 G	116
	CHERRY	1.9 G	133
	KWANZAN	12.5 G	585
	CHERRY	14 G	483
	HONEY LOCUST	8.2 G	268
	HONEY LOCUST	14 G	483
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W A I P	HONEY LOCUST	14 G	483
	HONEY LOCUST	8.2 G	165
	WHITE PINE	5 VG	60

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Tree Survey
Mercer Street between Houston and Bleecker Streets

	Species	Size	Value
W A I E R C O L E S P L A Z A	LASALLEAS		
	WHITE PINE	8 VG	158
	LASALLEAS		
	WHITE PINE	10 F	348
	WEEPING		
	BIRCH	5 F	60
	PIR		
	CAK	8.5 G	178
	PIR		
	MAP	13.5 G	436
	PIR		
	CAK	9.1 G	231
	PIR		
	CAK	10.2 G	366
	PIR		
CAK	12.8	406	
PIR			
CAK	9.5 G	222	
B L E E C K E R C H E R R Y C H E R R Y	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	17.5 VG	455
	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	11.3 VG	298
	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	11 VG	298
	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	11 VG	298
	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	10.9 VG	266
C H E R R Y	KWANZAN		
	CHERRY	11.6 G	331
	Notes:	11	298
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Tree Survey
Mercer Street between Bleecker and West Third Streets

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Species	Size	Value
L LONDON		
PLANE	24.40	1417
L LONDON		
PLANE	18.8	798
L LONDON		
PLANE	5.6 F	77
L LONDON		
PLANE	17.8 100	480
L LONDON		
PLANE	14.5 F	318
L LONDON		
PLANE	15.4	354
L LONDON		
PLANE	15.6	354
L LONDON		
PLANE	19.8 0	363
L LONDON		
PLANE	17.2 F	729
L LONDON		
PLANE	18.4	498
L LONDON		
PLANE	22.0	1193

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April 27, 2012

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Dear Commissioner Burden,

The City Planning Commission hearing was conducted in a fair and professional manner. I commend the Commissioners for their thoughtful questions and rapt attention to the matter of NYU 2031. I am respectfully submitting further documentation that compel me to repeatedly request the transfer of LaGuardia Corner Gardens to Parks.

These documents come from my archives and I hope will prove the reason that LaGuardia Corner Gardens and the Time Landscape are excluded from the ULURP before you at this moment. I would like to submit these documents into the public record.

First document is a copy of an NYU publication that states an alternate plan for the Bleecker building which threatens the garden with an "as of right" option that allows bulk and square footage even absent a ULURP.

A copy of the 1995 CB2 resolution recommending all DOT strips, including LaGuardia Corner Gardens and the Time Landscape (referred to as the Tribal Forest) be transferred to Parks.

A copy of a letter to Mayor Bloomberg from Co-Chair Horan requesting the transfer and citing CB2 resolutions supporting this action in 1979, 1995, and 2004. I believe a more recent resolution was also passed with the current CB2.

Copies of letters to me from Parks and DOT from 2004 and 2005 assuring me they were investigating this transfer.

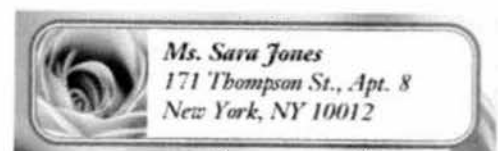
Years of requests have been blocked by the University plan to build, in my opinion. This is the reason the South block of LaGuardia Place between Bleecker Street and Houston Street is omitted in this ULURP process before you now.

In 2006 NYU published a "Study on the Economic Impact of Community Gardens". The entire paper quoted here can be found online at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=889113

"We find that the opening of a community garden has a statistically significant positive impact on residential properties within 1000 feet of the garden, and that the impact increases over time. We find that gardens have the greatest impact in the most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Higher quality gardens have the greatest positive impact. Finally we find that the opening of a garden is associated with other changes in the neighborhood, such as increasing rates of homeownership, and thus may be serving as catalysts for economic redevelopment of the community."

Please visit our garden for yourself to enjoy the beauty and tranquility the residents and visitors cherish, or visit us online at laguardiacornergardens.org

Respectfully,





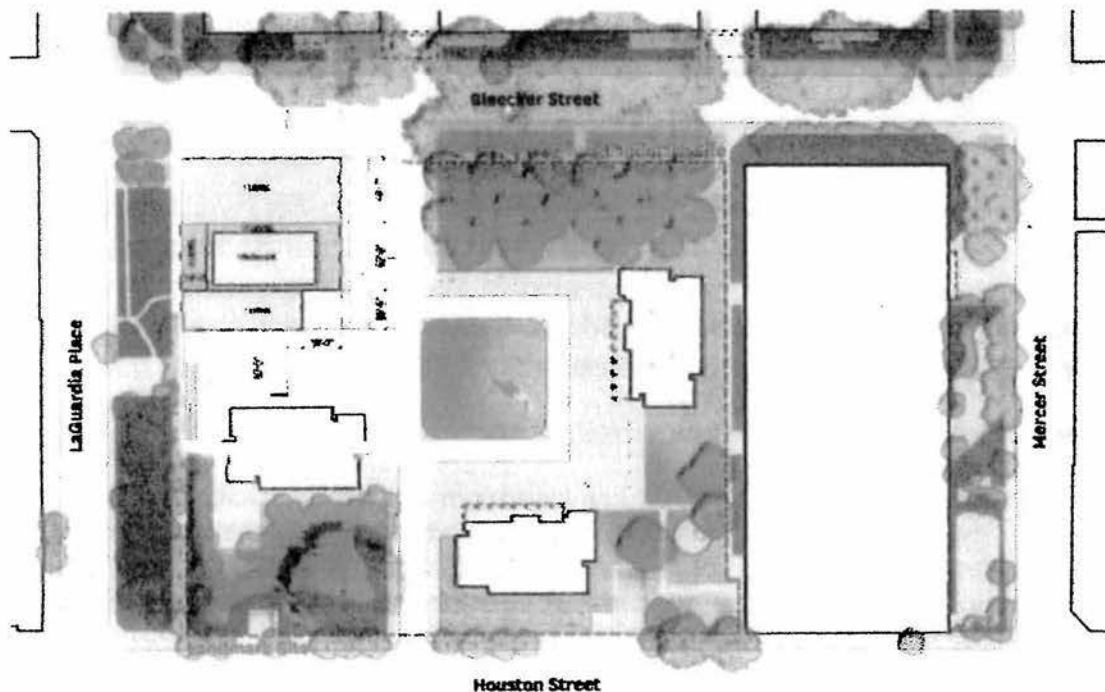
Alternative Option - Build on Supermarket Site (Corner Building)

In 2001, when NYU purchased the Morton Williams supermarket, the intention was to secure the site and have the option to develop it over time. There exists an "as-of-right" option for the site that allows adding bulk/square footage to that corner at a future date (2021), even absent a ULURP.

The site has a floorplate that is larger than the proposed tower and would therefore offer more flexibility in uses. A future site on this corner could include academic and/or residential (faculty or student). The supermarket would be replaced within one of the new development sites (most likely where the existing gym facility is).

In the University's judgment, from an urban design and planning perspective, a building on the corner site is less desirable than building a tower on the landmarked site; however, the University will include a new building on the corner site in the ULURP application if the proposal for the pinwheel tower is not successful before the LPC.

SITE PLAN WITH ALTERNATIVE CORNER BUILDING





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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MARCH 1995

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee of Community Board #2, Man., (CB#2-Man.), held its regular monthly meeting on March 1, 1995 at 7:30 pm, at CB#2-Man., Office, 3 Washington Square Village, Suite 1A, conference room.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Dapolito, Chair; Enid Braun, Arthur Schwartz, Liz Shollenberger;

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carol Reichman, Anne Hearn

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Arnold Goren, Helen Iannello

PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Cohen, Joseph Flahaven, Sandra Lindle

PUBLIC MEMBERS EXCUSED: Elyssa London, John O'Connor

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Rita Lee, District Manager

GUESTS: Al McGrath, Jeffrey Rowland, Norma Turrill, Janice Pargh, John Thomas, Kate Herman, Vicki Papadeas, Amy Weinstein, Henry Gordon, Jody Berenblatt, Craig Brashear, Meg Morshow, Barbara Bryan, Soho Partnership.

1. LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street Strips

Our committee held a public hearing on a proposal to transfer the strips of public land on the West side of Mercer Street and the East side of LaGuardia Place from the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to the Dept. of Parks (Parks). The Tribal Forest located on the corner of Houston Street and LaGuardia Place has already been transferred to Parks. The Lower Manhattan Neighborhood of Parents (LMNOP), along with New York University (NYU), the Washington Square Village Tenants Assn., and CB#2-Man., working together, are going to build a playground on Mercer Street between Bleecker and West 3rd Street. A transfer is needed to guarantee that this site will permanently be a playground. At a meeting by all parties above with the Dept. of Transportation a couple of weeks ago, DOT indicated they would be agreeable to such a transfer to the Parks Dept.

The hearing produced more than ten speakers, all in favor of the transfer, plus letters from Harold Magida, Stephen Gorevan, and Marthe Jocelyn, also supporting the transfer. No one at the hearing opposed the proposal. A number of speakers indicated concern whether everything would remain the same under Parks' jurisdiction. The strips include the LaGuardia monument made possible by the Friends of LaGuardia Place, the LaGuardia Place corner gardens, the tribal Forest, a dog run and playground in front of NYU Coles Center, and the proposed new play area between Bleecker and West 3rd Streets. All agreed that following CB#2-Man. approval of this transfer, we should meet with the Dept. of Parks to make sure all present conditions and

agreements continue when Parks takes over. The Committee unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a proposal has been made to transfer the strips of land on the East side of LaGuardia place and the West side of Mercer Street between Houston and West 3rd Streets from the Dept. of Transportation to the Dept. of Parks; and

WHEREAS the Dept. of Transportation has indicated that they would be agreeable to such a transfer; and

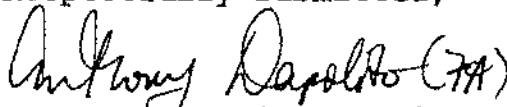
WHEREAS the transfer would have the effect of permanently guaranteeing these strips as park land; and

WHEREAS a public hearing held by CB#2-Man. on March 1, 1995, produced unanimous support for this proposal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2-Man. approves the transfer of the LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street strips from the Dept. of Transportation to the Dept. of Parks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dept. of Parks respect all present agreements now in place between the Friends of LaGuardia Place, the LaGuardia Place Corner Gardens, The Tribal Forest, the dog run, LMNO, and NYU with the Dept. of Transportation.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Dapolito, Chair
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

TRANSFER OF MERCER AND LA GUARDIA STRIPS TO NYC Dept. of Parks
DRAFT 8.3.2010

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg
Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
Community Board 2 Chair Jo Hamilton
Amanda Burden, Director, New York City Department of City Planning
Adrien Benepe, Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation
Janette Sadik-Khan, Commissioner, Department of Transportation

We formally request the transfer of the four city-owned strips along Mercer Street and LaGuardia Place to be completed by remapping the land from roadbed to parkland. The future jurisdiction would be New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

This transfer process was voted and approved as early as 1967 by the City Planning Commission, the Manhattan Borough President and Community Board 2. Because the approved transfer was never completed, documentation shows subsequent resolutions in 1979, 1995, 2004. According to past Parks Commissioner Henry Stern, "NYU won't grant consent and is blocking the move." **The Villager, "New Push to Transfer superblock strips to Parks, 6/23-29, 2004)*

These strips supplement the only nearby public park and playground at Washington Square. Central downtown Manhattan is underserved by park space, with Community Board 2 having the second lowest amount of open space in Manhattan, well below the benchmark of 2.5 acres per thousand people.*

These strips are approximately 2.4 acres of open green space, covered by parks, playgrounds, a community dog run, and community created gardens. Over a period of thirty years, community residents banded together to create and maintain these public facilities. Besides amenities such as a dog run and children's play areas, they offer a mature overhang of foliage, fruit trees, and urban wildlife. School children from nearby Children's Aid Society, Little Red Schoolhouse, PS 41, Cooke Academy, and Blue Man School are taught about food production in a program offered by volunteer community gardeners.

We fear that the city intends to sell this land to NYU, or use the roadbed for construction hosting areas, or 'trade' these strips for community amenities elsewhere. None of these options is desirable.

Instead the City of New York should embrace this request for protection as consistent with Mayor Bloomberg's PLaNYC2030 vision for a greener New York, and keep a greenbelt with 60+ mature trees. The strips were created with the sweat equity of a neighborhood, and are a tribute to the principles of Jane Jacobs and many urban planners who have followed.

We request that the Mercer and LaGuardia strips be swiftly transferred to permanently protected parkland and open space.

**(source: Manhattan Community Board 2: Open Space Project, 2008)*



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Parks & Recreation

The Arsenal
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New York, New York 10021

Adrian Benepe
Commissioner

July 21, 2005

Ms. Sara Jones
171 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012

Dear Ms. Jones:

Mayor Bloomberg has asked me to respond to your recent email regarding the transfer of ownership of LaGuardia Place Community Garden from the Department of Transportation to Parks.

We are investigating the feasibility of transferring this property to Parks' jurisdiction. However, this is a complicated issue as there are other City agencies involved, including the Department of City Planning and the Department of Transportation. Our General Counsel's office has begun working with these agencies to determine how best to proceed.

In the meantime, if we can be of any assistance to you or fellow community members in caring for the garden, please call Gary Rozman, our Special Projects Manager for Citywide Services, at (212) 360-1338.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

Adrian Benepe

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March 7, 2006

LaGuardia Campus Community Council

177 THOMPSON STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10013

RE: LaGuardia Place, Borough of Manhattan

Request for transfer of DOT land to the Parks Department

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to your e-mail to the City of New York via nyc.gov, dated October 8, 2005, in which you requested a delay in responding while we researched the matter.

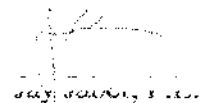
LaGuardia Place between West Houston Street and Maabar Street is mapped 125 feet wide on the Final City Map. The City has title to the full mapped width (which includes the space garden in question). This was verified on December 12, 1987.

Please be advised that our Department has no plans at the present time to change the current usage of this portion of this street or to transfer it to the Parks Department.

We appreciate your interest in improving the City's streetscape.

If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Chiagoro, Deputy Director of our Office of Land Use Review at 212-676-0596.

Sincerely,



Jay Sauris, Esq.
Assistant Commissioner

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Garden View

LaGuardia Place Corner Community Garden - NYC

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other sizes: small medium large original



*Ms. Sara Jones
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post a comment

LaGuardia Corner Gardens, NYC
est: 1981 on Bleecker St.
P.O. Box 79 Prince Street Station
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Thank you for your attention to the NYU plan. I feel you have listened to both sides and will decide what's best for the residents of the city and the University.

Please re-map the DOT strips along La Guardia Place Park land during this ULURP so we can forever have valued green spaces. Thank you.
Sara Jones.

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AMANDA BURDEN: CHAIR
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Photo: Sara Jones
Please don't give NYU a blank check

April 25, 2012

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Honorable Amanda Burden
Chair
NEW York City Planning Commission
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RE: New York University Core Project, presented to the Commission on April 23rd 2012

Dear Chairwoman Burden and Members of the Commission:

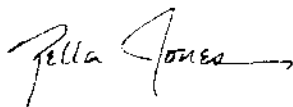
In 2004 I began the arduous process of advocating for a plan for NYU development. Ad hoc acquisitions, random BSA applications, occasional Landmarks Certificates of Appropriateness, and seemingly spontaneous large-scale sproutings of as-of-right projects were clearly not working to the Community's advantage, nor, truthfully, were they enabling much vision from NYU. And, except for an extraordinary amount of animosity on both sides, not much of long-term value was growing, either.

Finally, in 2006 with even more strong-arming and the invaluable muscle of Borough President Stringer and his office, we formed the Community Task Force on NYU Development and an actual planning process began. Thirty five organizations and elected officials engaged; NYU put together a planning team; we agreed on a protocol and eventually a loose set of guiding principles. I launched and maintained a website – communitynyc.org. We had more than 200 people on a list-serve and 800 people a month checking our web-pages. There were projections, there were rejections, there were arguments, there were self-interests, political interests, practical and impractical interests...but we kept on talking.

What is before you is not perfect. Had the Task Force been able to assist during the considerations of the Super Block ULURP perhaps more neutral territory and expertise would have advanced substantive compromise, even visionary benefits. But, I am here today, with essentially one message: Don't just say no! Having a plan, making it stick, integrating the Community within NYU and NYU within the Community is the goal here. We do need them and they do need us.

I have attached some bullet points to explain why and some others that suggest ways in which common interests and needs could effectuate an integration of lasting precedence for this, and maybe even other institutional projects the City will consider over the next 20 years.

I thank you for your kind attention.
Sincerely,



Member Community Task Force on NYU Development
Founder, noma.org

Why just saying NO is not the right answer:

1. **Unconditional denial of the NYU plan especially for use on land they already own, will discourage any serious opportunity for a public planning process by NYU – or any other institution – in the future.** This is a very dangerous precedent. Dealing with expansion on a lot by lot basis prevents a neighborhood or the City from evaluating such expansion(s) on a long-term basis and may even advance other institutional developer strategies for bending the rules of Eminent Domain.
2. **Unconditional denial will reduce prospects for growing vital middle-income employment and residencies.** Colleges and Universities provide proportionately large numbers of decent skilled **middle income jobs:** teachers/professors, technicians, security, grounds-keeping/maintenance, scientific researchers, hospital/medical, administrative. (See [City of New York's 2014 report on employment and growth](#)).
3. **Unconditional denial assumes a benefit to contiguous neighborhoods and zoning envelopes. This is a fallacy.** In NoHo, for instance, dormitories and undergraduate classrooms are not allowed, but BSA variances could break the zoning precedence and already built environment. Increasing the prospect of more dormitories or large classroom facilities in the truly crowded residential areas of the East Village on an ad hoc basis is certainly not a desired result, either.
4. **Would livability improve if as a result of halted growth on their own property, NYU sold off parcels in order to afford development elsewhere?** It is hard to imagine that Related, Trump, Rudin or any other major developer would not resort to maximum allowable development with little obligated concern for near-term quality of life or affordability and certainly not to any significant social service component within the Superblocks. Nor would the development process be more delicate or scheduled.
5. **Unconditional denial threatens loss of this community's dominance in creative and social service profession drivers, a historically important cultural and cross cultural component of Village and East Village character:** Tisch School of the Arts, The Wagner School, Steinhardt School of Culture Education and Human Development, The Galatin School, The Institute of Fine Arts, The Stern School of Business, even the School of Continuing Education. As we lose traditional commercial and nonprofit presence in our communities and our existing retail profiles change (currently contributing to Food and Beverage oversaturation), it is more important than ever that we continue to attract students, faculty, international presence and conversations on these topics to fill this void and encourage local entrepreneurship and experimentation in their practice. [See NYU's 2014 report on employment and growth](#)

Suggested factors that could be built into this plan :

Addressing the needs of an aging population and a simultaneous increase in families with children within the community affected by this ULURP plan. With the demise of St. Vincent's what a true shame not to find a way to integrate NYU's considerable and world-famous medical services/clinics into this scenario -- walk-in clinics in ground floor retail spaces as a worthy trade-off for .X FAR of dormitory use, for instance.

Families east of Sixth Avenue DO need a Public School. The proximity of voluntary resources of NYU and its intern students - whose services are already utilized extensively by the NYC Public School system - provides an exceptional opportunity for incentivized collaboration and sharing of University resources.

The current open space in the CORE is NOT – for the large part – accessible by the community at large. The sidewalks on Mercer, Bleecker, West 3rd and 4th Sts. are already congested with student AND local pedestrian traffic...and on 4th St., vendors. This is a true chance for the Village to integrate daily life and access across and *within* NYU's core campus area or to regulate street vending in open and closed space alike. Don't ban a plan, modify it and make whole-community access a mandatory condition for this or any other large-scale plan.

Yes 15-20 years of construction is disruptive, but the issue that should be addressed is how to manage this well; perhaps as a model for future large-scale development in any community. Perhaps a continuing CB2/NYU Development oversight committee with emphasis on ecological impacts like continuous air and sound monitoring for instance, live on-line scheduling and updates, green planning committees, etc. is worth mandating in the ULURP. Let's ***define safe and sensitive construction*** rather than ignore that it is an inevitable and hazardous component of congested City life.

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May 3, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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Sincerely,

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Should you grant NYU the rezoning, you will effectively emasculate the Zoning Resolution.

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Re: ULURP on NYU Plan 2031

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

I am firmly against the entire NYU 2031 Plan, even with the modifications achieved by Borough President Stringer and I strongly advise you to vote against it for the following reasons:

1. Approving the Rezoning Would Set a Dangerous Precedent

The fundamental aspect of the plan is to seek a rezoning of a residential neighborhood from R7-2 to C1-7 with an applicable residential zoning of R8.

As has been mentioned many times, the R8 permits a FAR of approximately double that of R7-2 and requires an OSR of about half that of R7-2. It is only with such a rezoning that NYU could shoehorn new buildings into the two superblocks: the North Block is already non-compliant having been built before the Zoning Resolution of 1961 with a higher FAR and a lower OSR than the Zoning Resolution would allow, and the South Block was built to be exactly compliant. Without the rezoning, not one square inch of new building could be put on either of the blocks.

The principle of zoning regulations was to establish a trust with the residents and businesses who move into a neighborhood, guaranteeing to them a particular set of conditions, implicitly for ever. Chapter 21 of the Zoning Resolution states the General Purposes of Residential Zoning. Two of these purposes are:

- (d) "to protect residential areas . . . against congestion by regulating the density of population and the bulk of buildings";
- (i) "to promote stability of residential development, to protect the character of the district. . ."

NYU's plan would increase congestion and would seriously disrupt the stability of the residential area and would destroy the character of the neighborhood.

To rezone the blocks would be a violation of the intent of the Zoning Resolution and furthermore, it would set a very dangerous precedent in the City.

Once the CPC allows a developer to controvert the intent and the principles of the Zoning Resolution, then any developer can come along and request a change of zoning for his benefit. Particularly at risk will be every development that was built with the Tower-in-the-Park paradigm - which includes many of the projects in the City. That paradigm was sold to the public on the basis that the benefit of the open space provided would more than offset the deleterious effects of taller buildings in low density neighborhoods.

Taking away that open space is theft - not only of the residents of the buildings on the lots concerned, but of all the people in the neighborhood. That open space belongs to the buildings - and also to the neighborhood - as the FAR and the OSR were compromises with regard to density that took into account the entire neighborhood. Taking it away in violation of trust is theft.

2. NYU Should Not be Rewarded for Non-Neighborly Behavior

Between 2007 and 2010 NYU increased its undergraduate enrollment from 19,490 to 22,097 and its graduate enrollment from 15,307 to 18,243. Thus it increased its enrollment by 2,607 undergraduates and 2,936 graduates for a total of 5,543, which was a 15.9% increase. At the same time, it was completing its transition from a commuter school to a dormitory school, vastly increasing its requirements for dormitory space. It was also increasing its faculty.

This was all going on despite the fact that NYU was cramped for space and that the only way it could expand was to infringe on the neighborhood. This is like a man running up a credit card debt and then, when the collection agents come, he asks his neighbor to pay up his debt.

If NYU was cramped for space it should not have expanded.

Not only did it expand in the last decades, but it is still expanding. The university is asking us to applaud them for reducing its student body increase down to 0.5% a year. But a cumulative 0.5% for 21 years is 11% and that would increase the undergraduates and graduate student body by another 4400 students. This is when NYU says it is cramped for space. If it is cramped, it should stop growing.

Why should the neighborhood be asked to bear the burden of NYU's aggrandizement ?

Why should the City reward NYU for entering on a course of behavior with no respect for its existing spatial constraints ? For entering on a course of behavior with thoughts only for itself and none for its environment ?

3. Expanding Universities is an Outdated Plan

There are many issues being raised about the value of a university education today.

- a. 35% of college graduates are underemployed; they are waiters/waitresses, telephone customer service representatives, etc. Law schools, divinity schools and others are closing because their graduates cannot find employment commensurate to their studies. Colleges and universities are not taking on new tenure track teachers. Graduate students teach, and when they get their degrees there are no jobs because there is a new cohort of graduate students to replace them as teachers.
- b. The cost of tuition is exorbitant.
 - The student loan debt is of striking dimensions and many parents and students are wising up to the fact that taking out loans is a foolish course of action and that a college education may not be worth the investment.
 - The middle class is being squeezed and increasing numbers do not have the money to pay for higher education.
 - NYU, with its small endowment, gives very little financial aid. For this and other reasons, only about 10% of NYU students are city residents.

- c. As a result of the points in (b), the native pool of students is drying up and all universities, NYU included, are engaged in active recruitment of foreign students. In 2010, 14% of NYU's undergraduate and graduate students were foreign. The percentage of undergraduate foreign students has almost doubled since 2006, from 4.66% in 2006 to 9.13% in 2010. The percentage of foreign graduate students has not increased so much but is substantially higher: 18.25% in 2006 and 20.10% in 2010.
- d. A college education has been touted as the means to greater earnings in life. However, many papers have been written in the last year or so, showing that because of the cost of education, the cost of student debt, the worthlessness of many degree programs and the lack of job opportunities after graduation that the person who goes to work right after high school will be financially ahead in the long run of the one who goes to college.

The City should attend to this latest information and should not tie itself into a university expansion that would destroy a neighborhood and leave in its place some white elephants - white elephants to the University but quite likely some bargain basement deals for real estate developers who would turn the buildings or the rights to build on the property into valuable investments.

In light of this point, there should be clear restrictions written into the plan, should God forbid you approve of it, about what can be done with the blocks should NYU wake up and discover that it is no longer in their interest to complete the constructions as specified. This is especially important with regard to the North Block as there is no building planned on it for ten years. In ten years time, everything in the educational scene and in the economy of the City could change.

4. It is Questionable Whether NYU is Really Serving the Community

A significant portion of the floor area NYU plans for the Superblocks falls under the category of Community Facility. One would assume that a project that can build under this category would be serving the community in which it resides - either locally or even citywide.

However, in light of the fact that only 10% of NYU students come from the City and in light of the university's increasing dependence on foreign students, I ask:

In what way is NYU serving the community in which it resides in its primary capacity as an educational institution ?

The answer that it provides employment is not satisfactory, because it would provide the same employment wherever its buildings would be located.

The answer that its students support local businesses is also not satisfactory, because NYU students have not saved the businesses on 8th Street. What has happened is that many businesses that used to serve the community have been displaced by fast food shops, bars and eating establishments which are frequented by the students.

5. A Covenants is a Binding Agreement Solemnized under Common Law by the Presence of a Seal

In the Bidding Agreement of 1954 and the Indenture of Sale, there are **covenants** regarding the usage of the land and changes to the plan for a period of 40 years. Covenants - not restrictions. NYU seeks to trivialize the nature of these clauses by referring to '40 Year Restrictions'. Restrictions are limitations that can be rescinded. Covenants are unalterably binding. That is why the King James translation of the Bible translates the Hebrew word *bris* as covenant. For every *bris* in the Bible is an eternally binding contract between God and the patriarchs and then the people of Israel. Covenants are unalterable contracts.

NYU has broken every agreement it has entered into. Seeking to undo the 40 Year Covenants is the ultimate in seeking to break an agreement. It is true NYU was not a party to the purchase of these blocks in the 1950s, but covenants of this nature run with the land and NYU, by its purchase of the property, became bound to all the covenants that the original purchaser was bound by.

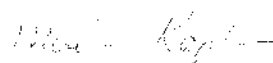
But NYU is not only seeking to overturn solemn agreements, it has already violated the terms of those agreements. There was to be no building on either of the two blocks without approval of the Slum Clearance Committee or the Board of Estimate or their successors. In about 1999, NYU added a storefront on LaGuardia Place - 551 LaGuardia Place - without seeking any approval. The Certificate of Occupancy for that storefront is not in the Department of Buildings database. There is a Certificate of Occupancy for that address but there are many discrepancies in it which disqualifies it as a proper record for the storefront that was added and that is now in place. This is a very serious matter because according to the Pre-Bidding Agreement of 18 NOV 1954 and the Indenture of Sale of 05 AUG 1955, one covenant was that no change was to be made for 40 years from the completion of the project and the completion was defined as the [final] date of the Certificates of Occupancy for all the buildings.

If there were an honest Certificate of Occupancy for 551 LaGuardia Place it would immediately place the earliest NYU could build anywhere in the two superblocks in about 2039 !!! Lacking that, there is only the testimony of persons as to the approximate date when the storefront was added.

In any case, NYU knows it made additions about 1999 and so when it speaks of the 'deed restrictions' being over in 2021, it is guilty of dissembling. This in addition to seeking to minimize the contractual obligation of a covenant and in addition to making additions without going through the proper procedures.

In summary, there are good reasons for denying the NYU ULURP application besides the fact of the potential destruction of gardens and playgrounds and dogruns and the fact of 20 years of construction.

Sincerely,



Miriam Kaplan

Attach: 40 Year Covenants in Pre-Bidding Agreement,
Indenture for Sale, 1st Revision of WS SE Urban Renewal Plan

NYU has been talking about deed restrictions which preclude their building on the two superblocks until the expiration of a 40 year 'sunset provision'. 'Sunset provision' is language used in discussion. It is nowhere to be found in the relevant documents.

**CLAUSES
in the DOCUMENTS**

**According to the
Acquisition of title . . . to property required for a
Redevelopment Project under Title I . . . ,
dated 09 DEC 1953**

The **Redevelopment Plan** includes among other data:

- (1) The following general statement on the project:
"Limitations on Changes:
No increase in density or change in land use shall be made for a period of **40 years** except upon the approval of the Board of Estimate of The City of New York.

**According to the [Pre-Bidding] Agreement
between the City of New York and WSV Corp,
dated 18 NOV 1954,
under General Provisions, Paragraph 510:**

Any deed of conveyance executed by the City in pursuance of this Agreement shall, in addition to any other provisions and covenants, contain covenants on the part of the grantee for itself, its successors and assigns of the land conveyed or any part thereof, and any lessee of the land conveyed or any part thereof, which covenants shall be covenants running with the land, to effectuate the following:

- (a) [to carry out the housing project]
Said covenant is to run for a period of **forty (40) years** from the completion of the housing project as said completion is defined in paragraph 304 of this Agreement.
- (b) A covenant that for a period of **forty (40) years** from the completion of the housing project as said completion is defined in Paragraph 304 of this Agreement, the land conveyed shall not be used for any use
- other than the uses specified therefor in the Redevelopment Plan contained in Schedule A attached to this Agreement
 - or contrary to any limitations or requirements of said Redevelopment Plan.
- (c) a covenant that for the period of **forty (40) years** from the completion of the housing project
- no change shall be made in the Redevelopment Plan of the Area (Schedule A of this Agreement) without the consent
 - of the City Planning Commission
 - and the Board of Estimate of the City
 - or of the respective successors of said Commission and Board.

Paragraph 304 contains the following

Completion of the housing project shall mean

- the date on which there shall have been issued by the Department of Housing and Buildings of the City of New York certificates of occupancy
- for all the buildings provided in the plans of said project, adopted in accordance with paragraph 302 of this Agreement.

Paragraph 302 includes the following language:

Sponsor agrees to undertake and carry out, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement,

- the project, sometimes herein referred to as the "housing project"

- or the "project"
- which consists of the following major components:
 - the relocation of all residential tenants . . .;
 - the demolition of all the buildings and structures in th Housing Site. . .;
 - and the construction of all improvements in the Housing Site . . .

It is agreed, however, that the aforementioned unit plans and site plan are typical only and it is not intended that they nor any of them shall necessarily be the plans finally utilized for construction of the project. Sponsor may, therefore, propose amendments, modifications or corrections of any nature, of such site plan and unit plans as it shall decide (which amendments, modifications and corrections are in this Paragraph 302 collectively referred to as "new plans") provided that

- such new plans comply with the requirements of the Redevelopment Plan.
- and shall be approved by the Committee on Slum Clearance
- and, if the financing of the project, in whole or in part, is affected by Federally guaranteed or insured mortgage financing, shall be approved by the Federal Housing Commissioner or his successor in office.

**According to the Indenture for the sale
of two superblocks by NYC to the WSV Corp,
dated 05 AUG 1955**

The party of the second part [WSV Corp], by the acceptance of this deed, covenants and agrees for and on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, of the land conveyed or any part thereof, and any leases of the land conveyed or any part thereof:

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- in accordance with the agreement entered into between the parties hereto, dated as of **November 18, 1954**, and approved by the Board of Estimate on November 18, 1954 (Calendar No. 65-G),
 - and in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Board of Estimate on January 22 ??, 1954 (Calendar No 3-A);
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- specified in the Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Board of Estimate on January 18??, 1954 (Calendar No. 3-A),
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- no change shall be made in the housing project, as set forth in the Redevelopment Plan of the ???? adopted by the Board of Estimate on January 26, 1954 (Calendar No. 3-A),
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According to the 1st Revision to the WS SE UR Plan, dated 04 JUN 1958, Appendix I

2. This Redevelopment Plan and/or any modification thereof shall be in force and effect for a period of **forty (40) years from the date of approval** of this Redevelopment Plan by The City of New York. The termination of this Redevelopment Plan shall not affect the provisions of Paragraph B 4 (h) hereof."
 - B. Planning Proposals
 4. Regulations and Controls to be Applied
 - h. Non-discrimination

According to Housing and Redevelopment Board Application, dated 14 OCT 1964 / CP -18649

100,000 sf of floor area was to be allocated for Community Facility uses within Parcel 2 of the South Superblock.
[*nothing in text - only presented in a table*]

MY COMMENTS

- With regard to the 40 year period**, there is a change in language in going from 1953 to 1954 and 1955 and to 1958.
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 - In the 1954 Pre-Bidding Agreement and the 1955 Deed, the beginning of the 40 year period is specified as from the completion of housing project, which completion is defined in ¶304 as the date by which certificates of occupancy have been issued for **all** buildings in the plans of the housing project. In ¶302, 'plans' are allowed to include 'new plans' that receive proper approval.
 - In the 1958 1st Revision, the 40 years were to be counted from the date of approval of the Redevelopment Plan. This introduces a complication.
 - a. What does 'date of approval' refer to ?
1954 ? or 1979, the year of the last revision ?
 - b. Does the language of this appendix supersede the language of the 1954 Agreement ?

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[The Committee on Slum Clearance, whose approval of modifications of plans was required by ¶302 was apparently no longer in existence.]
- It would seem that everything that was approved at this time could be designated "new plans", even though this approval was not counted as a revision of the Urban Renewal Plan. And thus, that the restrictive understanding of the 'project' as just a 'housing project' would have to be abandoned. And therefore, that the 40 years starts from the completion of the last structure on the two superblocks.

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I'm an alum of NYU + a
Supporter - Financial + otherwise
but I oppose this plan

Sincerely,

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Re NYU Expansion Plan

Dear Ms. Burden:

I'm active in the Washington Sq. Village Tenants' Assoc and I'm writing to ask you to oppose the NYU 2031 Plan for our West Village neighborhood. NYU is demanding unprecedented zoning changes that would permanently change the nature and character of our community. It would :

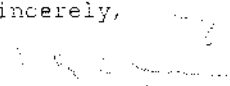
- Destroy the acclaimed Sasaki Garden, called one of the best landscaped urban landscapes in America by the American Society of Landscaper Architects.
- Destroy the Mercer Playground, built for older children.
- Destroy the green strips surrounding Washington Square Village and Silver Towers, all of which are currently have thousands of blooming flowers and hundreds of trees. No more flowers. No more trees.
- Destroy the Community Garden.
- Eliminate the community dog run.

- Expose residents and their children to years of construction, pollution and noise, which cannot be healthy for our children.

- Our community is unanimous in its opposition to this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


 Jesse Kasowitz

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

JAN 31 2012

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.

The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Merle Kaufman

2 King St.

New York, N.Y. 10012

31 West 10th St
NY NY 10007
May 3, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
22 Rector Street
NY NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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Dear Chair Burden —

I urge you to vote NO on
NYC's massive, massive
plan.

This plan is not good for
New York City, its future,
West Village future, the
community's future!

Sincerely
Julie Kinnon

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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29 March 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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As a long-time resident of Greenwich Village, I strongly urge you to protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,



John Keenen

K/R

526 West 26th Street #9A
New York New York 10001

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

JAN 31 2012

January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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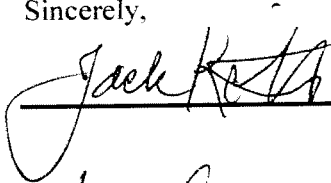
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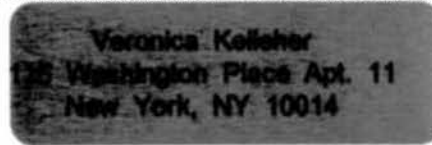
Sincerely,

 (JACK KEITH)
16 CROSBY ST - APT 5-RN
NY, NY 10013

**THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS**

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov



Apr 25, 2012
**OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON**

APR 30 2012

Dear Chair Burden:

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NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.

The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong. NYU was given this formerly-public land with the explicit condition that the open space not be built upon and that academic and commercial uses would not be allowed. Now they are seeking to overturn those agreements.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District or Downtown Brooklyn are considerably greater, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met. Twenty years of construction in the middle of a residential neighborhood would have an unbelievably damaging effect, while commercial areas like those mentioned could much more easily bear such impacts.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Veronica Kelleher

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730846724 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 5:24:13 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 11:14 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730846724 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730846724

DATE RECEIVED: 02/29/2012 11:12:43

DATE DUE: 03/14/2012 11:14:18

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/29/2012 11:12:21
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: m_kenet@hotmail.com (MIRYAN KENET)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
MIRYAN KENET (m_kenet@hotmail.com) on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 11:12:21

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: MIRYAN
Last Name: KENET
Company: Briones
Street Address: 347 West 4th Street
Address Number: 347 West 4th Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014-1606
Country: United States
Extension: NY
Email Address: m_kenet@hotmail.com

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January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Mary V. Keppler

357 West 11 St. (Apt. 1B)

N.Y.C. 10014

OFFICE OF THE
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JAN 31 2012

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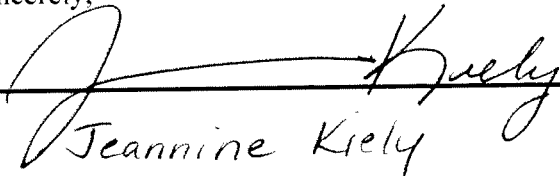
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Sincerely,



Jeannine Kiely

121 Mercer St #5

NY NY 10012

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727538907 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:53:19 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 9:50 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727538907 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727538907

DATE RECEIVED: 02/14/2012 21:48:34

DATE DUE: 02/28/2012 21:49:51

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/14/2012 21:47:41
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: Jking@applied.tv (Jane King)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jane King (Jking@applied.tv) on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 21:47:41

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Jane
Last Name: King
Company: Applied Interactive Learning
Street Address: 347 First Avenue
Address Number: 5
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10010
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-810-9943
Email Address: Jking@applied.tv

Message: I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park—the equivalent of the Empire State Building—would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities. The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong. There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-731628113 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:34:26 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 1:57 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-731628113 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-731628113

DATE RECEIVED: 03/03/2012 13:56:29

DATE DUE: 03/17/2012 13:56:58

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 03/03/2012 13:55:38
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: kino.nyc@verizon.net (Carol Kino)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Carol Kino (kino.nyc@verizon.net) on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 13:55:38

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Carol
Last Name: Kino
Street Address: 14 Horatio Street Apt 3H
Address Number: 14 Horatio Street Apt 3H
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2122421264
Email Address: kino.nyc@verizon.net

Message: Please VOTE NO on NYU s massive proposed Village expansion plan. Adding this amount of space south of Washington Square Park would have a devastating impact on the neighborhood. NYUs methodology is also disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of NYCs most park-starved areas, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to private hands, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU requests, is just plain wrong. There are better expansion alternatives for all concerned. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU s facilities are needed. Growth potential in that district is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods throughout the Village and SoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met. Please protect our neighborhoods character. REJECT NYU s bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighbor- hood zoning protections.

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ANTHONY C. M. KISER

660 BROADWAY (SUITE 1001) • NEW YORK, NY 10012 • TEL 212/307 7850 • FAX 212/263 8340 • tkiser@wmgrave.org

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April 12, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 720-3219

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive revised proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan would overwhelm and over saturate a residential neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate public park space and break the agreements under which NYU was given the formerly public land they now own which prohibits exactly the type of development the university is now proposing.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Tony Kiser

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728063923 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 6:18:05 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 5:43 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728063923 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-728063923

DATE RECEIVED: 02/16/2012 17:41:14

DATE DUE: 03/01/2012 17:42:49

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/16/2012 17:40:18

To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: starfirepress@yahoo.com (Ivan Klein)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Ivan Klein (starfirepress@yahoo.com) on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 17:40:18

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Ivan
Last Name: Klein
Street Address: 264 6th Avenue
Address Number: 31
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Email Address: starfirepress@yahoo.com

Message: Dear Hon. Chair Amanda Burden,I am writing regarding the NYU 2031 expansion plan. My wife and I have lived in the South Village for over forty years, and as registered Democratic voters are urging you to oppose this plan, which will clearly be an environmental catastrophe for our neighborhood if implemented. Moreover, it would drastically alter the balance between the community and the university in ways which would undermine the Village as an asset and adornment of our city.The University s plans are overwhelmingly opposed by the residents of the Village, and we are asking you to use the powers of your office to your utmost ability to protect us from this ill-conceived land grab.Thank you for your attention to this matter.Yours truly,Ivan Klein

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730708108 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 6:36 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730708108 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730708108

DATE RECEIVED: 02/28/2012 18:34:19

DATE DUE: 03/13/2012 18:35:41

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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Sent: 02/28/2012 18:34:00
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: jklein@bhsusa.com (Jean Klein)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jean Klein (jklein@bhsusa.com) on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 18:34:00

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Jean
Last Name: Klein
Company: BHS
Street Address: 101 west 12
Address Number: 2K
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Message: Ms Burden, Please DO NOT support the expansion of the NYU campus. It would totally change the nature and functioning of Greenwich Village. We need to keep this historic part of New York as close to its past as is possible in this age of BIGGER IS BETTER!

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CHARLES D. KLEIN

308 Balls Bridge Road
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OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

April 16, 2012

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Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007-1216

Re: New York University 2031 Plan

Dear City Planning Commission Chair Burden:

I write to express my strong support for NYU's plan to create academic space near its Washington Square core.

NYU is an internationally recognized research university; it draws talented scholars and students from around the world to New York, where they add to the city's vibrancy, diversity, and innovation economy. NYU is also one of New York's largest employers -- a source of exactly the kind of good jobs that New York's economy needs.

New academic space is crucial for the University to continue to achieve excellence in education and research. NYU 2031 strikes a thoughtful balance by providing the University with the space it will need over the next two decades while also addressing the concerns of its neighbors.

Strong universities are important for strong, thriving cities. I urge you to support NYU's plans as they proceed through the ULURP process.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Klein
New York University
Board of Trustees
New York University School of Law
Board of Trustees

Cc: Lynne Brown

THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS
Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
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STEPHAN MARC KLEIN, PH.D.
2 CORNELIA STREET #1002
NEW YORK, NY 10014

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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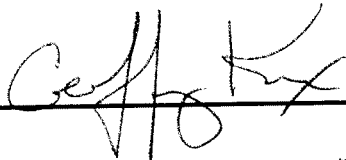
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April 18, 2012

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Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007-1216

Dear Ms. Chairperson Burden:

I am writing in support of NYU's plans for the creation of additional academic space near its Washington Square home.

I am a graduate of P.S. 105, P.S. 83, Christopher Columbus High School, CCNY and the Stern School at NYU. In addition to being a Trustee of NYU, I am a member of the Board of Directors of two very large and important Manhattan based multi-national corporations.

You, of course, know that New York City must maintain its innovative spirit and capabilities – it's the life blood of our City. NYU draws talented scholars and students worldwide that support the vibrancy, diversity and the innovated capacity driving our City's success while directly creating employment and broadening the tax base.

NYU is planning for growth in a thoughtful and respectful manner. Especially recognizing the fact that today it is "space constrained" compared to its competitors. Give this great institution room to breathe. It will be a great short and long-range benefit to our City.

Yours respectfully,



RJK:klb

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From: lesliekogod@gmail.com (Leslie Kogod)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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M/M: Ms
First Name: Leslie
Last Name: Kogod
Street Address: 111 Fourth Avenue
Address Number: 10F
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Email Address: lesliekogod@gmail.com

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From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-726854789 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:33:20 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

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From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:32 PM
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Diane Kolyer (kolyer@verizon.net) on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 20:30:38

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Last Name: Kolyer
Street Address: 7 Great Jones Street
Address Number: 8
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: kolyer@verizon.net

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February 2, 2012

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Bud & Francine Korotky

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NY 10009

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Sincerely,

Stephen W. Kaye Sr. JASR

316 East 97th Street

New York, N.Y. 10025-9477

To City Planning Commission:

As the Owner of Zinc Bar with several employees and countless number of customers, we are writing to express our concerns with NYU's revised ULURP proposal. While we appreciate the changes they made in response to the Borough President's comments, we remain particularly concerned with the unnecessary commercial development component of the plan.

Our business has been operating in the neighborhood since 1993, and we've seen the area slowly evolve over time while maintaining its character and charm. We are glad that NYU has improved its plan to deal with Borough President Stringer's concerns, but many issues remain. In particular, it will especially negatively impact small business.

A quick stroll around the neighborhood will show many vacant spaces for business. On 8th Street for example, not only do you see many vacancies but also struggling small businesses that are trying to stay open. Having nearby NYU commercial space doesn't make it any easier on us or neighboring businesses.

There is no question that NYU is an important part of the neighborhood but why include the commercial development component to the plan? It doesn't make sense to us. Equally baffling is the fact the university wants to include a large hotel in the "Zipper Building". Our mostly residential neighborhood doesn't need another hotel. The University should stick to an expansion plan that is solely focused on academic expansion, and not commercial development that overwhelms small business.

We urge NYU to:

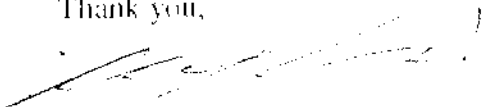
- Remove the commercial overlay component and hotel plans from their plans.

In addition, we are supportive of the other concerns raised by members of Villagers for a Sustainable Rezoning, including:

- Reduce the height of the Houston Street portion of the "Zipper Building" to 162 feet;
- Reduce the height of the remaining portions of the "Zipper Building" and the Mercer Building to match the height of the buildings on the East side of Mercer Street; and
- Increase the amount of quality open space in the proposal.

This commonsense improvement to the plan will help to keep the university from overwhelming our community with unneeded commercial development.

Thank you,



Alex Kossi, Owner of Zinc Bar, 82 West 3rd St

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TAQUERIA

11 Carmine street New York NY 10014
212.627.2351

April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners:

I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I have owned and operated a local business, Dos Toros Taqueria, in Greenwich Village since 2009. NYU's students, faculty and staff have been loyal customers of my business since we opened close to three years ago, and I believe my establishment will continue to benefit from the University's 2031 expansion plan. NYU contributes tremendously to the economy and energy of Greenwich Village and I believe this plan will only improve the vitality of the area.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Sincerely,

Leo Kremer

Owner, Dos Toros Taqueria

April 19, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
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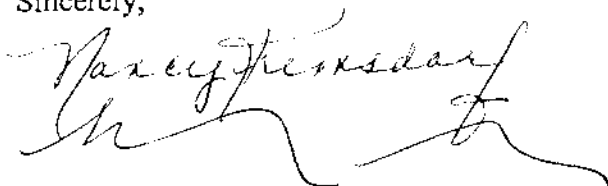
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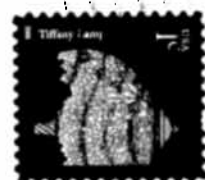
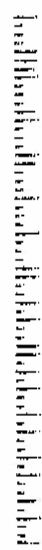




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January 4, 2012

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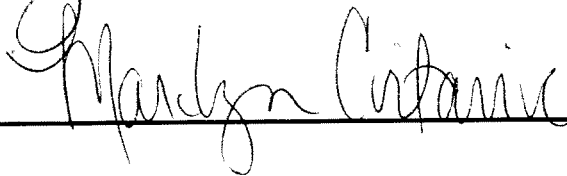
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Diara Kuz

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dkuz@earthlink.net

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
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Last Name: Kubert
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State: NY
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Country: United States
Email Address: krkubert@hotmail.com

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maryannekuzniar@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE
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April 16, 2012

NYU Government and Community Affairs, City Place, New York

Gentlemen, Ladies,

Having read about the NYU Expansion Plan, I must express my deep concern, especially in regard to the future of our glorious horticultural community garden, that has graced the corner of Bleecker Street and La Guardia Place for so many decades. Its very existence seems clearly threatened of dematerialization.

This is an important place for many people: our Greenwich Village community, our students who pass by and admire the wonders of nature as they stroll by, as well as the hordes of visitors to New York, who come down to the Village and stop at the sight of this oasis of natural life, this patch of fresh air in our crowded city. This is a quiet, light-filled, low-rise area that has always characterized the Village.

In addition, for people like me, who volunteer to plant and grow flowers in one of the garden's small plots, it is a contribution that fills our lives with peace and gratitude. All of us, volunteer horticulturists, spend much of our off-time tending to this modest splendor and its perennial beautification. This communal effort enriches our lives and that of the community at large.

We understand, of course, the important needs of the University, and that this project has become emblematic to how NYU sees the future of Greenwich Village. However, I humbly ask you all, concerned architects and planners as well as politicians, to please consider the existence, and the vital importance, of our precious community garden. We are sure that it should be preserved.

I thank you for all your attention to my letter.

With my best regards,

Maryanne Kuzniar

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New York, NY
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April 16, 2012

NYU Government and Community Affairs

Gentlemen,

Having read about the NYU Expansion Plan, I must express my deep concern, especially in regard to the future of our glorious horticultural community garden, that has graced the corner of Bleecker Street and La Guardia Place for so many decades. Its very existence seems clearly threatened of dematerialization.

This is an important place for many people: our Greenwich Village community, our students who pass by and admire the wonders of nature as they stroll by, as well as the hordes of visitors to New York, who come down to the Village and stop at the sight of this oasis of natural life, this patch of fresh air in our crowded city. This is a quiet, light-filled, low-rise area that has always characterized the Village.

In addition, for people like me, who volunteer to plant and grow flowers in one of the garden's small plots, it is a contribution that fills our lives with peace and gratitude. All of us, volunteer horticulturists, spend much of our off-time tending to this modest splendor and its perennial beautification. This communal effort enriches our lives and that of the community at large.

We understand, of course, the important needs of the University, and that this project has become emblematic to how NYU sees the future of Greenwich Village. However, I humbly ask you all, concerned architects and planners as well as politicians, to please consider the existence, and the vital importance, of our precious community garden. We are sure that it should be preserved.

I thank you for all your attention to my letter.

With my best regards,

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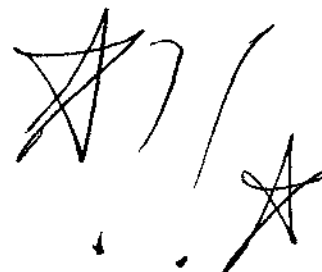
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OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

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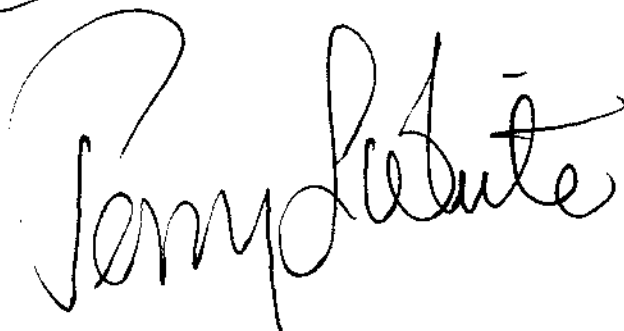
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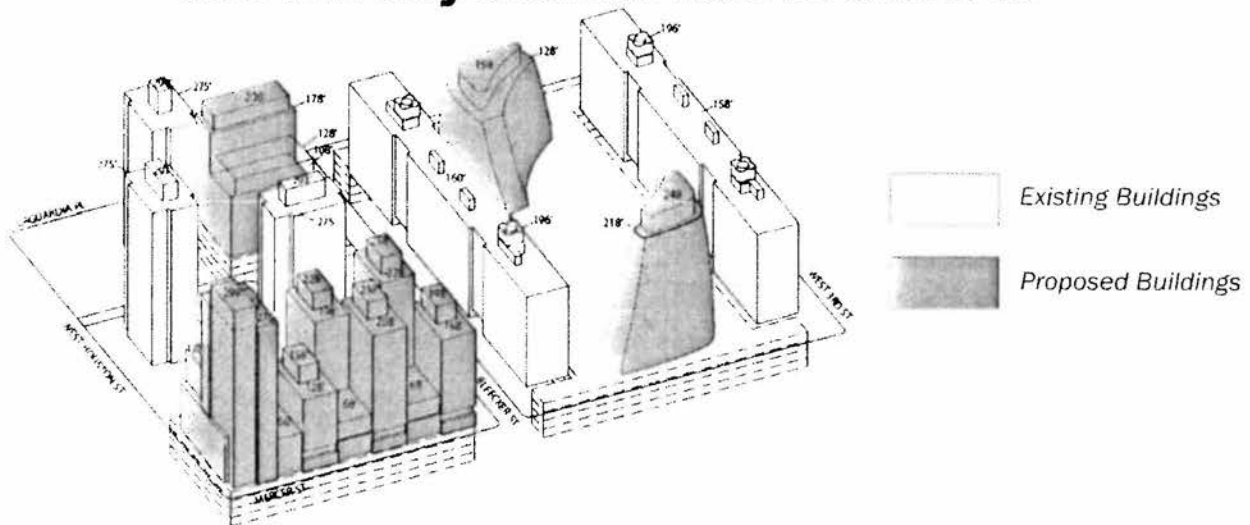
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STOP NYU's MASSIVE EXPANSION PLAN!

NYU wants to build millions of square feet of space in huge new buildings over twenty years on the block south of Washington Square. The problem? Neighborhood zoning protections don't allow it. Urban renewal deed restrictions forbid it. The terms under which NYU was given the formerly-public land they want to build on prohibit it. And NYU wants public park space to build on as well.

NYU's solution – overturn the zoning rules, gut the urban renewal deed restrictions, abrogate the terms under which they were given public land, and take over more public land!

But this can ONLY happen if the City Planning Commission and the City Council vote to allow it.



**TELL THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TO VOTE 'NO' ON THE NYU PLAN –**

Testify at their public hearing:

Wed. April 25 at 10 AM

Museum of the American Indian, 1 Bowling Green

(Broadway at Battery Place/State St., near Battery Park;

4/5 to Bowling Green, R or 1 to Whitehall St.-South Ferry, or J to Broad Street)

Sample testimony: www.gvshp.org/nyutst

Send a letter to City Planning opposing the NYU plan:

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More information on the fight against the NYU plan: www.gvshp.org/nyu

January 4, 2012

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VICTORIA LAMB, PCV

117 W. 137th ST #44

NY, NY 10011

April 25, 2012

Ms. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
Members, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden and Members of the Commission:

I write to express my strong support for NYU's plan to create additional academic space on its Washington Square campus. I have been an employee of NYU for over 22 years and have seen firsthand the University change and grow over my tenure. I have also witnessed what NYU has done for the neighborhood and for New York City. It has been an economic engine that has created jobs and brought talent to New York City, fueling the city's growth in all sectors, including finance, arts, and the establishment of many new entrepreneurial business ideas and start-ups. Our students, faculty, and administrators all support the community neighborhoods in Manhattan and the boroughs that make up our great city.

Specifically, my role at NYU is to oversee the fundraising and alumni relations for the university. Our alumni and parents are excited about the expansion and would like to help contribute gifts for the project. NYU has a tremendously successful track record in fundraising. In 2008, we concluded what was at the time the largest fundraising campaign in US higher education, raising \$3.1B. Philanthropy has always been a vital exercise for us in moving NYU forward. The Core Project provides an unprecedented opportunity for donors to help with a major capital campaign that they know will be vital to the university's future.

In fact, I am in the process of working on a \$25M gift now for the Institute of the Performing Arts, which is part of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. This gift will help fund a theater, which would be open to the public, will create excitement in the neighborhood, and will give NYU students a platform and professional space to perform their craft before venturing out in to the world after graduation. It is a win-win for everyone. This is but one example of the many gifts which I believe will be possible once NYU has been granted approval for the project.

NYU needs the additional space on its campus, and New York City needs a strong NYU. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra A. LaMorte

Anthony and Anita Lanese
520 LaGuardia Place
New York, NY 10012

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May 1, 2012

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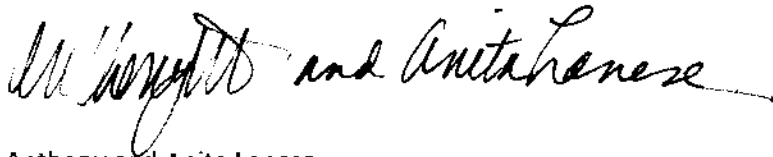
RE: NYU 2031 Expansion Plan

Dear Members of the City Planning Commission –

We absolutely, strongly oppose the NYU 2031 Expansion Plan. As longtime residents of LaGuardia Place, the idea of 20 years of construction on our beautiful, peaceful street is unbearable. Our “Quality of Life”, something that our esteemed Mayors worked so hard to improve, will surely suffer greatly. It is so unfair to us, the citizens of this beloved City and neighborhood, to be impacted so brutally at the hands of NYU. We pay our taxes, and we struggle and work hard to be able to live here. PLEASE do not let this plan go forward. PLEASE VOTE NO.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Anthony and Anita Lanese

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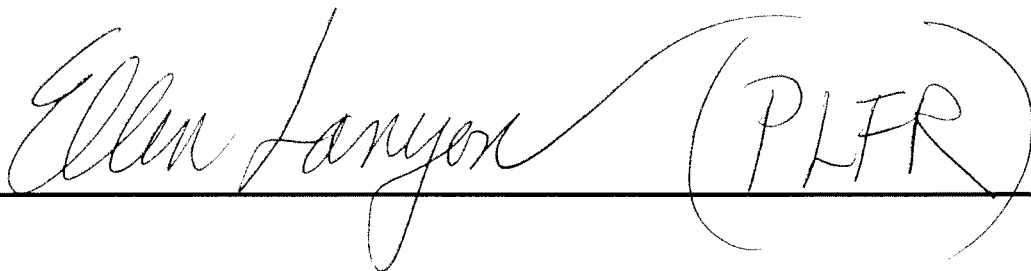
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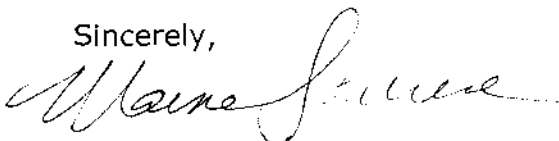
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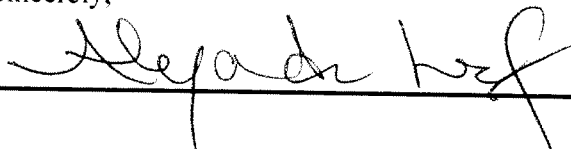
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Dear Amanda Burden,

I am writing to you to express my fierce opposition to NYU's expansion plans and to ask that you vote NO on these plans.

They are inappropriate on all grounds. The neighborhood is opposed to these plans and even the majority of faculty at a recent Senate vote came out in opposition to them. I know that you are well-acquainted with all of the issues here--upzoning, lifting zoning requirements, removing urban renewal deeds

and the list goes on. These requests are mind-boggling. NYU needs an attitude adjustment: WE do not live on its campus. The university is a part of our neighborhood. It is part of a public space. This is not NYU land waiting to be developed. There has been no development on the lands in question because very wise men and women before John Sexton and company

deeded the lands in such a way as to preserve the open spaces in a space-starved area like Greenwich Village. They understood this need even when the need was far less great than it is today.

NYU's plan only eats up precious land and they can cook their numbers any way they like and the neighborhood still loses. Their plans do not create open space but merely eats it up in a highly irresponsible, self-serving fashion.

One really must realize that this plan has nothing to do with education. There are, it turns out, two NYUs and one is a corporation hell bent on profit-making.

NYU says it needs to expand and that is fine but not where they have already become an 800 pound gorilla. The paint has barely dried on the walls where the Provincetown Playhouse once stood.

Those of us in the area have already lived through 20 years of NYU construction between the law school and dorm and all of the buildings on Macdougall and West 3rd and the student Center and the new religious center and the Mid-East Center etc etc and this does not even include Bobst and the buildings east of it. Enough is enough. It has become bizarre to walk in the vicinity of WSP and see only NYU.

I will not go through the 2031 Plan point by point but detail only a few:

There is no need for another dorm. We have 7 dorms already in the neighborhood from the Law School up to the former Palladium. Move some of the upper

classmen to a new dorm downtown and there is no need for a new dorm in the area. And to lose another supermarket--we have already lost two in the neighborhood--Jeff Market and the D'Ag on Univ Place--to a dormitory? And the need for a hotel is preposterous.

The city is experiencing a record expansion in hotel construction and vacancy rates stand in the mid 70s city-wide. It will drop to the low 60s over the next 3 years. Is the hotel supposed to somehow subsidize this 5 billion dollar plan? And underground classrooms? Who wants to study in a mine shaft? This is beyond weird.

I do not approve of the destruction of the historic SASAKI gardens. Is is arrogance to the enth degree.

The only area of expansion I see possible is on the footprint of Coles and some of the surrounding property including the derelict park space owned and never maintained by the university that is immediately south of Coles.

For over 15 years, the park space has been a public embarrassment as far as I am concerned. And the creation of two high-rise apartment buildings in the open space between the four buildings comprising WSV?

Are these people mad? Putting those who live there (NYU faculty and others) through that kind of construction 20 or so feet from their windows? Are tenants supposed to keep their windows shut for two years straight?

I have no words to express my outrage over such a plan. And is it not telling that Stern, NYU's own prestigious business school, would vote 50-3 in opposition to the plan and sign on along with dozens of other departments who already have?

From downtown Brooklyn to the Financial District, neighborhoods have reached out to the university to offer them room to grow where there is room, but NYU wants to be in our neighborhood because it's so special, unique and wonderful. It won't be if John Sexton is allowed to proceed with his expansion plans.

NO TO NYU'S INSANITY.

Thank you for your time.

Alexandra Leaf 

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May 4, 2012

BY HAND

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Robert Dobruskin
Environmental Assessment
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New York City Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
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Re: New York University Land Use Applications

Dear Chair Burden and Mr. Dobruskin:

The following comments to NYU's applications for a zoning text change, zoning map change and Large Scale General Development Special Permit, and the accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement, are submitted on behalf of Palmart Realty Corp., a residential loft building on the West side of LaGuardia Place between Bleecker Street and West Third Street. Palmart and its residential tenant-cooperators are directly affected by the proposed development on the Northern Superblock, particularly the LaGuardia "Boomerang Building," and the development of the Morton Williams site on the Southern Superblock.

From a planning perspective, the proposed developments on the Northern Superblock sharply contradict the urban renewal plan and design concept which guided development of Washington Square Village. The existing seventeen story buildings with almost 1300 apartments are dramatically out-of-scale from surrounding blocks, and were justified only by provision of open space on the Superblock. The proposed zoning map change from R7-2 to C1-7 (which would reduce the required open space ratio by one-half to two-thirds) and construction of the two Boomerang Buildings would significantly alter the ratio of open space to built floor area on the Superblock, to the detriment of residents of WSV and surrounding blocks and the public. This is an

adverse impact of the proposed development for which no satisfactory mitigation has been proposed or considered.

The height and setback waivers sought by NYU for the Boomerang Buildings would compound the adverse impacts caused by construction of these buildings. In order to grant these waivers, the Commission must find, among other things, that "the distribution of floor area, open space ... and the location of buildings will result in a better site plan and a better relationship among buildings and open areas to adjacent streets, surrounding development, [and] adjacent open areas ... than would be possible without such distribution and will thus benefit both the occupants of the large-scale general development, the neighborhood and the City as a whole;" ... (ZR Section 74-743(b)(1); and that "the modifications will not ... obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of occupants of the buildings in the block or nearby blocks or to the people using the public streets..." (Section 74-743(b)(2)).

The obvious impacts of the Boomerang Buildings on the occupants of WSV, on the occupants of buildings on the surrounding Bleecker and Mercer Streets and on the public using these streets would preclude these required findings. The Boomerangs would actually block access to the open space within the Superblock, and deny access to light and air to surrounding blocks and pedestrians. For the Commission to find that construction of these Buildings -- in violation of the height and setback controls required by zoning -- would create "a better relationship among buildings and open areas to adjacent streets [and] surrounding development," and would not "obstruct access of light and air" for occupants of WSV, of buildings across Bleecker and Mercer Streets, and to users of the abutting streets would be arbitrary and capricious and could not be supported as a proper exercise of the Commission's discretion.

ALTERNATIVES

As lead agency for SEQRA purposes, the Commission is required to consider alternatives to the proposed actions. In the present case, there are a number of measures that can and should be adopted to at least partially mitigate the impacts disclosed in the DEIS and referred to above:

NYU has proposed to construct 770,000 square feet of academic space below grade on the Superblocks. Clearly then, below grade construction is a practical alternative to construction of the Boomerangs, or an alternative for a significant portion of the above grade Boomerang Buildings. The EIS should analyze, and the Commission should consider, construction of significant below grade space in lieu of the Boomerang Buildings so as to eliminate or at least reduce the impacts described above. Similarly, construction of these buildings in accordance with existing zoning (setback at 60 feet) and without height and setback waivers is a lesser impact alternative that must be considered.

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Sincerely yours,



Stephen Lefkowitz

Dear Council Member Margaret Chin, Speaker Christine Quinn, Chair Amanda Burden,
and Mayor Bloomberg,

I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I know that a strong NYU will mean a strong New York City. I urge you to support this plan, as it is thoughtful, has already incorporated changes responsive to the community, and is extremely important for both the University and the City.

By building on the University's own property and not further extending into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Hadassa Legatt
8 Parkside Drive
Great Neck, NY 11021

CC: Borough President Scott Stringer
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CC: Assemblywoman Deborah Glick

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I am an NYU alumna and I oppose their plan.

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RE. NYU PLAN 2031
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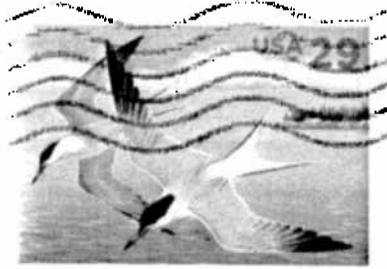
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Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Rector Street
NY NY 10007



Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

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RE: NY 2014 2031

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R. Leonard
Greenwich Village

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727479731 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:52:48 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 3:44 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727479731 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727479731

DATE RECEIVED: 02/14/2012 15:42:55

DATE DUE: 02/28/2012 15:43:30

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

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Sent: 02/14/2012 15:42:09
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: rl10@nyu.edu (Robert Lesko)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Robert Lesko (rl10@nyu.edu) on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 15:42:09

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Robert
Last Name: Lesko
Company: 28 Avenue B
Address Number: 4B
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10009
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-677-8572
Email Address: rl10@nyu.edu

Message: Dear Chair Burden:As an NYU alumnus and long-time NYU employee, I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730874073 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Special Agency Projects/Initiatives
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:50:09 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 12:45 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730874073 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Special Agency Projects/Initiatives

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730874073

DATE RECEIVED: 02/29/2012 12:44:05

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From: rhodadir@gmail.com (Rhoda Levine)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Rhoda Levine (rhodadir@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 12:43:52

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments

Topic: Special Agency Projects/Initiatives

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Ms

First Name: Rhoda

Last Name: Levine

Street Address: 18 E 8th St

Address Number: 2A

City: New York

State: NY

Postal Code: 10003

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 212 254-5543

Extension: NY

Email Address: rhodadir@gmail.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden:8232;8232;I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.8232;8232;Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.8232;8232;There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.Please protect the character of our neighborhood!
and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild.

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Claudia Carr Levy
478 West Broadway #2A
New York, New York 10012

February 22, 2012

Amanda Burden
Chair of City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

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Dear Ms. Burden:

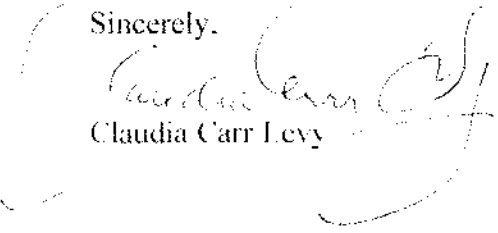
The citizens of Greenwich Village and SoHo need your support in their effort to preserve the treasured character of our community. NYU has already over-developed the area. We have seen the scale of its buildings rise higher and higher, their promises to the community consistently abrogated. Even the architecture of each new building is inconsistent with the character of the Village. We feel they are absorbing the Village into their campus and destroying the neighborhood. Their current plan for expansion would be a blight.

We have been very vocal in our opposition to the plans, which NYU has presented to us. We need vision and support to preserve our cherished and vital neighborhood. NYU has the opportunity to build in Lower Manhattan. It would seem an ideal opportunity to enhance that area which needs such development.

Please consider the ramifications of the NYU over development and reject this misconceived and horrific plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Claudia Carr Levy

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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JAN 31 2012

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Sincerely,

Stephen Levy
29 King St # 11
NYC 10014

Please do the right thing.

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
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Dear Ms Burden,

The Section Plan is an assault and an insult.
Surely you see that. I will be watching you
carefully... I am fierce, yes – and respectful.

Sincerely,

Stephen Levy

29 King St # 11
NYC 10014
(212) 367-9273

February 2, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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KRIS LEW

233 BAY ST JERSEY CITY NJ 07302

KLW

April 12, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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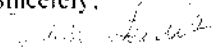
Dear Chair Burden:

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NYU's plan would overwhelm and oversaturate a residential neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate public park space and break the agreements under which NYU was given the formerly public land they now own which prohibits exactly the type of development the university is now proposing.

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Edith Lewis
202 6th Avenue, Apt. 5D
New York, NY 10013

February 2, 2012

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*It is outrageous that a university should
be proposing such a selfish plan.*

Sincerely,

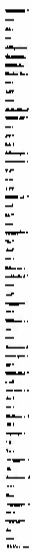
*Susannah + Michael Lewis
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APR 24 2012

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Please do not let NYU destroy the village!

Sincerely,

Jeanne M. Libby

From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-738580023 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 30, 2012 3:34:55 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-738580023

DATE RECEIVED: 03/30/2012 15:34:03

DATE DUE: 04/13/2012 15:34:51

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From: r@richterlaw.com (Rosalind Lichter)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Rosalind Lichter (r@rlichterlaw.com) on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 15:33:20

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Rosalind
Last Name: Lichter
Company: Law Firm of Rosalind Lichter
Street Address: 200 Mercer Street
City: New York City
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: r@rlichterlaw.com

Message: Please do not let NYU destroy our green space and lightPlease vote against NYU 2031- I have lived in the neighborhood for over 40 years- I ant the neighborhood to be our neighborhood not NYUs

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-720479915 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:47:05 AM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 2:44 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-720479915 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: celebratewithscottandamit@yahoo.com (Scott Linder)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Scott Linder (celebratewithscottandamit@yahoo.com) on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 14:42:08

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Scott
Last Name: Linder
Street Address: 100 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 17F
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-408-3586
Email Address: celebratewithscottandamit@yahoo.com

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**Testimony of Martin Lipton
Chairman, NYU Board of Trustees**

**Before the New York Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project**

Wednesday, April 24, 2012

Madam Chair and Members of the Commission:

I appear before you today in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of New York University and on behalf of my fellow board members to ask you to approve the University's Core Project that is before you.

This year marks my 60th year as a member of the NYU community, beginning with my arrival as a law student in 1952, through service as an adjunct professor, active alumnus and member and then chair of the Board of Overseers of the NYU Law School and since 1976 a member of the University's Board, serving as chair since 1998.

Over those six decades, I have witnessed both moments of great difficulty and moments of great success for NYU-- thankfully more of the latter than the former. But I was present and deeply involved at one of NYU's low points, in the 1970's when the institution was on the brink of insolvency. That was a time when Board members and the University's leadership had to make a series of painful decisions - including selling the University Heights campus in the Bronx and significant property in Greenwich Village - to keep the University solvent.

Of course, very soon after that, many of us were involved in the imminent bankruptcy of New York City itself and in helping to craft a financial rescue plan for the City. Those were hard times for NYU and for the City.

But we struggled through them and as a result of strong leadership and determination not to fail, NYU was able to stabilize its financial situation, center itself in Greenwich Village, to attract tens of thousands of applicants every year, and to grow steadily in stature – aided in no small measure by the resurgence of New York City.

I take tremendous pride in the strides NYU has made over the last several decades, transforming itself from a strong regional, commuter school to a major global research university in the top ranks of academe. But those dark days in the 1970's have impressed upon me deeply the recognition that the success of these great institutions of learning is not pre-ordained and cannot be taken for granted.

We – the Board of Trustees and the University' academic leaders – must be steadfast in ensuring excellence in all that we do, in generating and managing resources, and in looking ahead at what is needed not a year or even five years down the road...but decades ahead . That is why this Core Project is so crucial to NYU. It will allow us to plan our future with a level of confidence that we have the physical space to meet our academic needs. We consider it vital to keeping NYU on its forward trajectory.

There are many reasons to support this plan –the jobs it will create, the young people and scholars who can have the facilities they need to study and work, the role universities play in the life of the city – but what has always motivated me in my efforts on behalf of NYU is the recognition that universities are the only major institutions that exist solely for the purpose of doing good. That good can be teaching, or doing research, or preserving history, or finding cures, or making discoveries. Keeping our institution strong and prepared for the future is what this plan is about. I speak on behalf of a unanimous Board of Trustees in urging your support.

Anita Lobel
426 West Broadway
New York, NY 10012

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April 30, 2012

Almunda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Rade Street
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear Ms Burden,

I have lived at the above address for almost thirty years. I love this neighborhood. It is lively, friendly, diverse...

With the proposed N.Y.U. expansion, the area will become a construction site for years. What has this have to do with improving the quality of the academe?
It has everything to do with corporate megalomania. I do not know a single neighbor, young or old, or faculty member

on student, who approves of this
cruel take over.
Not to speak of the fact that the
lustrous community gardens
on La Guardia between Houston
and Bleeker will be destroyed!

Please do not cave in and
participate in the permission
to destroy a well functioning
community.

Yours truly,
Marta Solal

February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
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Sincerely,

Sylvia Lopez

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505 La Guardia Place # 26C

New York, NY 10012 2008

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Cc: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729792065 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:46:16 PM

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Michael Longacre (milo_ny@hotmail.com) on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 12:51:37

This form resides at
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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Michael
Last Name: Longacre
Street Address: 77 E 12 St Apt 18c
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2125053730
Email Address: milo_ny@hotmail.com

Message: Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections. I have lived in areas that surround the proposed NYU development rampage since I moved to New York in 1969. The large open areas that remain there were, and are, a balm to the intensely built SoHo area and south.

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Amanda Burden
Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

March 9, 2012

Dear Ms. Burden,

As a faculty member of New York University and a resident of 14 Washington Place in Greenwich Village, I'm writing to express my strongest possible objection to NYU's 2031 expansion plan. I am deeply committed both to the institution where I work and the neighborhood where I live, and it is my conviction that the 2031 plan is bad for both my university and my neighborhood.

I will begin with the part of the project that would impact my family's life most directly: I live in faculty housing in 14 Washington Place between Broadway and Washington Square East. If NYU is granted the "zoning overlay" they are requesting, the brick apartment building directly across from my home (15 Washington Place) will be demolished. In its place NYU will build a high rise, which will block all sunlight to our building. On the ground floor of this high rise and on the ground floors of other buildings on Washington Place, the "zoning overlay" will allow for the establishment of large retail stores and restaurants. The street will turn into a mini-Broadway, overcrowded and full of generic establishments catering to students. The quiet and small-scale segment of two or three blocks leading directly up to Washington Square Park will be transformed into the kind of generic retail space that could be found anywhere in the U.S.,

The massive projects centering on Washington Square Village and Silver Towers are even more destructive. They will essentially dismantle an entire neighborhood full of families, many of them with young children. Sunlight, green space, a playground, a dog run, and a community garden will all be sacrificed so that NYU can build (among other things) a commercial hotel on this site. The neighborhood will endure perhaps two decades of construction, making life extremely difficult for residents. NYU wants to acquire public park strips that are currently owned by the City and its taxpayers in order to convert them to University-controlled land, despite the fact that in this area there are only 0.4 acres of parkland per 1,000 people (rather than the benchmark of 2.5 million acres of parkland per 1,000 people, a ratio that represents an area

well-served by open space). When the construction is finally concluded, population density will rise to such a degree that the character of the neighborhood will change dramatically: the plan would add four out-of-scale towers to this long-established residential neighborhood.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. The community really needs your support in stopping NYU 2031!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Lounsbery', followed by a horizontal dashed line.

Anne Lounsbery

Associate Professor of Russian Literature, New York University

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New York, NY 10007

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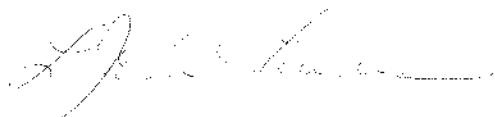
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L. John Louras
520 LaGuardia Place
New York, NY 10012

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January 4, 2012

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MATIE WICKARD.

124 E 24th St

NYC 10010

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: Hannah here is my submission on NYU 2031 I do hope Amanda Burden and the board do not cow to NYU like they did to Bill Rudin on SVH redevelopment
Date: Monday, May 07, 2012 10:43:41 AM

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From: Timothy [<mailto:timothynyc4@aim.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 7:29 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM; AMANDA BURDEN
Subject: Hannah here is my submission on NYU 2031 I do hope Amanda Burden and the board do not cow to NYU like they did to Bill Rudin on SVH redevelopment

Hon. Amanda Burden and Board Members
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

I strongly urge you to vote NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the West Village.

NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park is the equivalent of space inside the Empire State Building. This will be our of place for Greenwich Village, much like The Rudin Plan is doing with the SVH property.

Lifting zone requirements is equally disturbing. Removing park space already present and then not providing park space for the neighborhood. Transferring Public Space to a private institution is not right for anyone to do, privately or through city government. This whole plan is wrong and should not be approved until the plans for the community, Greenwich Village.

Wall Street WTC has space available. Roosevelt Island, Queens, or Brooklyn are viable options.

Twenty years of construction is plain wrong for children living in the area and adults working and living in the area of construction.

Please protect our neighborhood character and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild. Please protect the ZONING in Greenwich Village. The neighborhood is looking more daily like midtown with all the store changes and development occurring in Greenwich Village. Please protect Greenwich Village life.

Sincerely,

Alan Timothy Lunceford
74 Charles Street
New York, NY 10014
866-707-2345
timothynyc4@aim.com

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

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Capt C E Lundin USN Ret
Apt. 12K
2 Washington Square Vlg.
New York, NY 10012-1708

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19 April 2012

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I urge you to be the lady who saved Greenwich Village – not the one who aided and abetted its destruction!

Sincerely,

C E Lundin
Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired

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From: ljlus@earthlink.net (Linda Lusskin)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Linda Lusskin (ljlus@earthlink.net) on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 21:59:23

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Linda
Last Name: Lusskin
Street Address: 61 Jane Street
Address Number: 1A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Email Address: ljlus@earthlink.net

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Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

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22 Reade Street
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fax: (212) 720-3219
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I would like to see the Village preserved
for future generations.

Sincerely,

St. Luke's Charles Zullo
100 W 107th Street
New York, NY 10019

January 4, 2012

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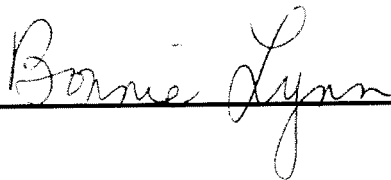
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*The Environmental impact will be devastating - Greer + Blee
are 2 small streets and will never be able to handle the
pedestrian + vehicle traffic from this construction.
Coles New Gym - will have a hotel, which require food deliveries
Supermarket which will require deliveries and trash
removal (those are 18 wheelers)*

Sincerely,

ACE MED 3@ VERIZON.NET

Judy Magida 3 Wash Sq. Village #120 - NYC 10012

Students Dorm need food - laundry -

Crate + Barrel same block has 18 wheeler furniture deliveries

Taxi taking people to NYU hotel - more congestion

Con Ed - Tel - H2O tearing up streets daily - Garbage Trucks
Impossible !!

February 2, 2012

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February 2, 2012

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22 Reade Street
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Claire Maida

365 W 25 St - 6F

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January 4, 2012

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-733580670 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:46:30 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 9:30 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-733580670 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-733580670

DATE RECEIVED: 03/12/2012 09:29:13

DATE DUE: 03/26/2012 09:30:09

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 03/12/2012 09:28:52
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: yehudit_m@yahoo.com (Yehudit Mam)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Yehudit Mam (yehudit_m@yahoo.com) on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 09:28:52

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Yehudit
Last Name: Mam
Street Address: 505 LaGuardia Pl
Address Number: 13D
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-674-4499
Email Address: yehudit_m@yahoo.com

Message: Dear Chair and Director Burden:NYU wants to build four massive buildings in two mostly residential blocks in Greenwich Village. I live in one of these blocks. These buildings will bring twenty years of non-stop construction, environmental problems, overcrowding, traffic and noise to an already densely populated area and they threaten to destroy the quality of life of long time residents of the Village, as well as the fabric of the neighborhood itself. Greenwich Village should not become NYU. The community overwhelmingly opposes this disproportionate expansion plan. We urge you to do the same.Sincerely,Yehudit Mam

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February 6, 2012

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OFFICE OF THE
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Sincerely,

Yehudit Mann and Beataz Ramos

SOS laGuardia A #13 D NY NY 10012

Testimony of Carol Mandel
Dean of Libraries
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

NYU's Bobst Library on Washington Square is the main library of the university. In an age of online access you might expect fewer students to use libraries, but one visit to Bobst Library will demonstrate that this not the case. I am here to tell you that the use of library and study space at NYU is greatly expanding, and our students need more.

Bobst Library is a comprehensive research and undergraduate library. It contains over three million print volumes along with a wealth of material in other forms. The library's special unique collections are open to all researchers who need them. But general use of Bobst is mainly restricted to NYU students and faculty because of the extreme pressure on Library space.

During the school year, Bobst is intensely used by NYU students not only for its collections but for its well-designed study spaces. Study and research are at the heart of the learning process, and space for intellectual productivity is an essential component of a university education.

Here are some statistics indicative of this student study activity:

- We see more than 10,000 visits to the library every day during the academic year. We had more than 2.7 million visits last year.
- We have a limited number of oversubscribed group study rooms; students reserved these rooms over 37,000 times last year—that's 37,000 study groups busily at work.

You can see the need for proximity to the library for our many users. But, the demands for good space far exceed our ability to provide it.

A standard rule of thumb for a university is that it should provide study area "seats" for one quarter of its student population. At NYU, this would mean we should have over 9,600 seats, yet the Library provides fewer than 3,000. And during the school year, our 2,900 seats are typically at 81% capacity; during exams periods students occupy floor space wherever they can find it. Student comments on our user surveys indicate that their biggest frustration is the inability to find a space to study in Bobst.

We continually seek ways to increase reader capacity. We have moved over 1.3 million volumes to offsite storage, and we reorganize space through renovation to add seating. In 2006, we added 438 seats; we will add another 200 seats through renovation this summer. But the more we renovate, the more our demand increases. Our daily door count has increased by almost 40% since 2006, and our occupancy rate is up 66% -- more students are coming and they stay longer.

The University must add library-like seating, dispersed across the University spaces, and particularly in the Core. The superblocks provide a critical pathway to accommodating these vital spaces.

March , 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden

Chair, NYC Department of City Planning

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

fax: (212) 720-3219

Dear Chair Burden:

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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I am a member of the Mercer-Houston Dog Run Association and downtown resident. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, over-saturating neighborhoods which are already permeated with NYU facilities.

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Sincerely,

June Manton 167 SPRING ST. JUNE MANTON

Roy Herbert 167 SPRING ST. ROY HERBERT

David R. Marcus
175 West 13th Street 5D
New York, NY 10011

VIA FAX: (212) 720-3219

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March 9, 2012

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David R. Marcus

From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740248576 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 12:05:32 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740248576

DATE RECEIVED: 04/06/2012 12:03:58

DATE DUE: 04/20/2012 12:05:28

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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Sent: 04/06/2012 12:03:55
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: dmarcus@markspaneth.com (David Marcus)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

David Marcus (dmarcus@markspaneth.com) on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 12:03:55

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: David
Middle Name: R
Last Name: Marcus
Street Address: 175 West 13th Street
Address Number: 5D
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Email Address: dmarcus@markspaneth.com

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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739992929 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:38:13 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-739992929

DATE RECEIVED: 04/05/2012 14:36:13

DATE DUE: 04/19/2012 14:38:10

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EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

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Sent: 04/05/2012 14:35:28
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: vzblandome@nyc.rr.com (Vicki Margolis)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Vicki Margolis (vzblandome@nyc.rr.com) on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 14:35:28

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Vicki
Last Name: Margolis
Street Address: 101 W 12th St
Address Number: 10M
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2122060524
Email Address: vzblandome@nyc.rr.com

Message: I am writing to ask, in the strongest terms I can muster, that you register a NO vote to NYUs proposal for expansion in the Village and below Washington Square Park. Such a massive remake of the Village landscape will destroy the very heart of all that sets the Village apart, as a vital living, historical, and cultural icon of this many faceted city. There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU s academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed.Halt the overbuilding and DO NOT trash long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

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NYU's expansion plan will be detrimental to the physical, mental & emotional health & quality of life of our community. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carla Mariano

4 Washington Square Village

NY NY 10012

From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-726430721 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:33:30 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:32 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-726430721 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:26 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-726430721 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-726430721

DATE RECEIVED: 02/09/2012 16:24:42

DATE DUE: 02/23/2012 16:26:10

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EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

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Sent: 02/09/2012 16:23:58
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: cm2@nyu.edu (Carla Mariano)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Carla Mariano (cm2@nyu.edu) on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 16:23:58

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Carla
Last Name: Mariano
Company: NYU
Street Address: 4 Washington Square Village
Address Number: 5T
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: cm2@nyu.edu

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728961429 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:34:16 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:32 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728961429 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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DATE RECEIVED: 02/21/2012 14:30:16

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Carla
Last Name: Mariano
Street Address: 4 Washington Square Village
Address Number: 5T
City: NEW YORK
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
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constituents is of great importance to you. The NYU 2031 -20 Year Expansion Plan into the Washington Square Village and Silver Towers complexes would create unjustified environmental disruption, unhealthy living conditions, and undue stress on residents for many years. It will significantly destroy the quality of life of this community. I implore you to take the strongest stand! against the NYU 2031 Expansion Plan which may serve NYUs expansionist purpose but will destroy the health, vibrancy, essence and wellbeing of our community. Thank you Dr. Carla Mariano 4 Washington Square Village Apt. 5TNY, NY 10012

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Myra Masters

250 Mercer St #0619

NYC NY 10012

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April 6, 2012

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Dear Amanda Burden,

I just read that the Borough President had decided not to hold a public hearing despite the requests and became concerned. There may have been good reasons such as that everyone is already quite aware of the dislike by our community of the plan.

As a citizen and a neighbor I have become concerned seeing how people often do not feel represented by the politicians they elect. So, the NYU plan may just be one little thing but these are times when politicians must truly hear out the citizens and the communities. In one of the community meetings I attended someone used the word "occupy" in a different context and immediately people chanted the word. The disappointment on our institutions is palpable regardless of ideology.

In any event, I am writing this letter to express my dislike for the NYU plan. I moved to Soho 6 years ago and we own our place here. The plan would have an enormous impact for us. It would change the supermarket we buy our food, the playground where we take our children, the park where we sit and read, the dog run, the gym we use etcetera. More importantly, it would change our community in ways that nobody can even assess at this point. Students come and go. They do not have a sense for a community, a neighborhood. That is a reality. I see it all the time. We would be outnumbered.

We have such little green space here. Almost nothing. This is our green area. Our older kids meet in that area and they kick the ball. They meet other kids from the neighborhood and they play. Our younger kids meet in the key park. That is their special place.

NYU is not exactly a pleasant institution in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, I would describe them as hostile. As community members living less than a mile from NYU we were supposed to have access to the key park. For years families waited to get a key. Several families I knew from my daughter's school at Friends Seminary told me that they had waited for over 7 years. Whenever I would go to the office I was treated rudely. Only last year NYU suddenly opened the possibility of getting a key to families. For years, our children would have to walk by a playground that was empty. I am not sure why they all of a sudden started distributing keys to the key park last January. Perhaps your office may have an idea. Similarly, we are expected to be able to have access to Cole Center. Every month the restrictions are added so that it becomes more and more difficult to use Coles Center. They promise things but as a rule do not honor their promises.

Most importantly, NYU officials are fundamentally rude and hostile with the community. I was told by students who worked at the reception of the Coles Center

that they had been told to make the life of community members as difficult as possible.

That is why among many other reasons we do not love NYU. They have invaded our neighborhood and they have not kept any deal that they have ever made.

I do see that there is room for improvement in the area. Mostly because they have done very little to keep it nice. After years of neglect they come up with this massive plan.

So many depressed areas could benefit from NYU and new construction projects. My university Georgetown was very smart years ago when they built the law center in a bad area of Washington DC. They did not think of expanding in Georgetown. They went elsewhere and currently the area they choose has become one of the best real estate areas of the city. That is what NYU should do. It is too crowded here. They should not be allowed to neglect the areas around the Coles Center which have been forever closed and would be lovely areas to play for children.

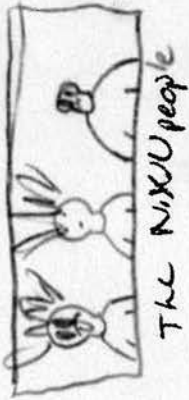
I am not sure anyone will read this letter but I do hope NYU does not get away with this. They really have created great tension in our community and it is amazing to see how nobody in the neighborhood has anything positive to say on their behalf. They earned their reputation bit by bit, year after year. This plan for expansion would destroy the village and I can only share with you that if this plan moves ahead we will be one of the families on Greene street that will move out.

Thank you,

Anna Marti, 148 Greene St. 2S, NYC 10012

Attached please find a drawing from my 10 year old.

W. Y. U is eating our neighborhood!!



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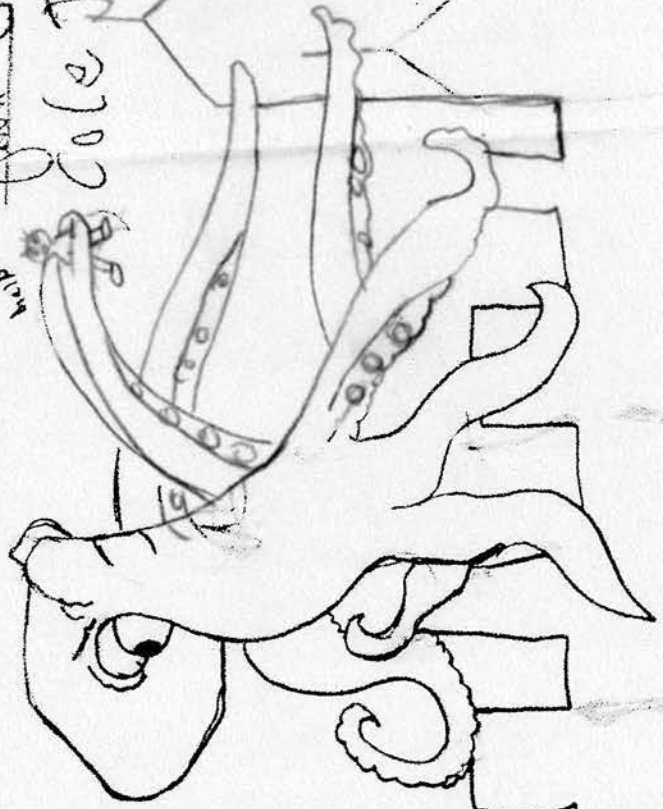
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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730846499 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:45 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730846499 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions

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M/M: Ms
First Name: Denise
Last Name: Martin
Street Address: 35 Bond St
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-673-6319
Email Address: denisebmartin@hotmail.com

Message: Please vote NO on NYUs massive expansion plan. It would destroy vibrant, diverse neighborhoods in NoHo, SoHo and the Villages. Lifting zoning requirements that preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

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I have associated your name with integrity and taste through the years. Now, I am sharing how tragic it is to watch the gradual destruction of a once quiet, historic, charming neighborhood for the benefit of . . . what? Do human beings with quiet lives count?

Sincerely,

Linda Soloway Martiney

January 4, 2012

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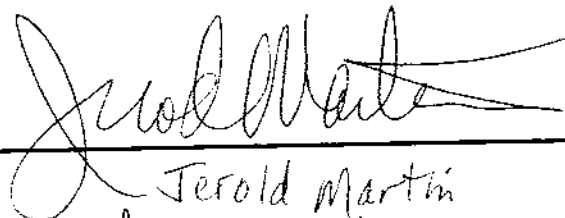
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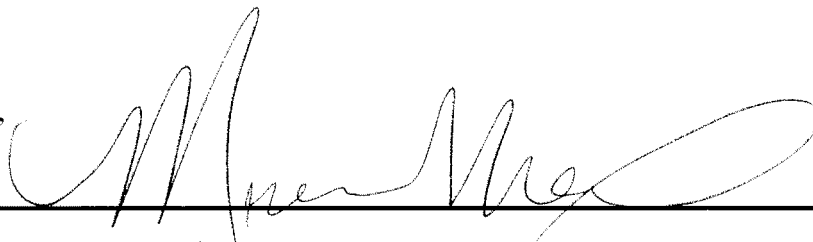
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Madeleine Marx

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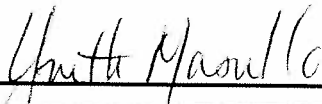
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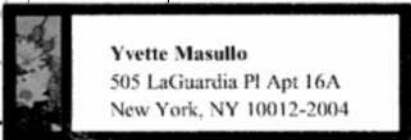
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Yvette Masullo
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14 Horatio Street (apt #11H)
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February 20, 2012

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Re: NYU Expansion Plans

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NYU is, after all, a private institution, not a public one. As so many so-called non-profits, it seems to expect that it can run roughshod over the existing structure of laws and regulations intended to reasonably control development and that it is 'entitled' to receive whatever it asks for.

This is exemplified by the means by which NYU is seeking to effect the current long-term expansion plans, i.e.: lifting zoning requirements to intended to preserve space in a park-starved area of the City; upzoning a residential area; transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions. These requests are just plain wrong and without any justification.

I understand that there are other areas of the City where NYU might find facilities to redevelop and/or create new facilities, such as the Financial District.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections. The visual blight that would be created by these massive building plans alone would be reason to reject them. It is unthinkable that buildings way out of scale with the Village would not only be placed in the middle of it but be visible from many streets away, creating an eyesore from almost any angle.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


C. Richard Mathews

OFFICE OF THE
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23 February 2012

Dear Ms. Burden,

I am writing regarding the NYC 2031 expansion plan, specifically the construction of additional high rises on Mercer Street and LaGuardia Place.

As an owner and long-term resident of the neighborhood, I would urge you to OPPOSE the plan when it is before you for a vote.

My concerns with the plans are: (1) a loss of community and an increase in congestion with 4 new high rises joining the existing eyesores; (2) the loss of open space, light and air; (3) permanent shadows over the neighborhood; (4) living in a 20-year construction site; (5) the loss of parking and congested public transport; and (6) the conversion of City-owned land to NYC-controlled land and thereby reducing public park space.

The proposed plan will greatly alter the neighborhood I moved into in 1996 and destroy the beauty of the area.

in Manhattan, ~~and~~ replacing it with
faceless high-rises.

Thank you for your attention to
this matter and I look forward to
working together.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail L. May

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April 25, 2012

The Honorable Amanda Burden and Commissioners
New York Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street, 6th Fl.
New York, NY 10007-1216

Honorable Chairwoman Burden and Planning Commissioners:

My name is Marjorie Mayrock and I am a member of the NYU student body in ardent support of the NYU 2031 Washington Square Core Expansion Plan.

My undergraduate experience started on Washington Square West in 2007 as an excited freshman living in Hayden Hall; now currently a graduate student at NYU, I am a proud Greenwich Village resident and hope to stay here far beyond my University studies. NYU's esteemed faculty and diverse curriculum cultivated my interests in urban planning, architectural design, and Chinese, which brought me to study at NYU's global sites in London, Beijing, and Shanghai. Now that I am back in New York to complete my master's degree in Historical and Sustainable Architecture, I am happy to be living and studying in the vibrant and unique environment of Greenwich Village, where NYU has been rooted since its founding in 1831.

I first visited NYU as a High School junior. Since the university is "in and of the city," I saw no immediate need for an official campus tour, and instead decided to walk around the Washington Square Core Campus and get a sense of place. I was immediately taken by the vibrancy of the area—local residents, retailers, faculty, and students, all mixed harmoniously in the historic Washington Square Park area and Greenwich Village. I had no trouble finding my way around the campus, as there are no gated walls surrounding an internal campus, as seen at many other universities. The dynamic campus felt like a creative and intellectual haven, one where I wanted to live, work and study.

However, the Washington Square Village and University Village superblocks north of Houston Street struck me as inefficient, unapproachable outliers that did not feel connected to the rest of the university. Still today, these superblocks do not fit into the dense, yet open environment of the University. I've walked around the often desolate spaces numerous times and have observed the need for a mixed-use environment that will accommodate the critical space the University needs to thrive.

As you know, the 2031 plan before you seeks to responsibly expand university facilities on the Washington Square Core Campus, where modernist apartment towers, concrete slopes and other uninviting design features call for major rezoning; the NYU 2031 plan will create accessible, inviting spaces for the public and members of the university community alike to enjoy.

The NYU 2031 Core Expansion plan will not in any way detract from the uniqueness and diversity of Greenwich Village; but it will bolster the university's facilities and relieve student and facility congestion. In support of this plan, I wish to make the following five points:

1. Space: I am in full support of NYU's vision to add two million square feet to the Washington Square center by 2031, thereby strengthening the Square and better positioning the campus as the anchor of the university's global network, all the while enhancing science, maintaining excellence in the arts and the professional schools, and building a stronger sense of community. NYU see its success in tandem with the rest of the neighborhood, and as the university creates the social, economic, and environmental infrastructure necessary to thrive, the surrounding community will benefit from the influx of investment and density of energy, vibrancy, commerce, and intellectual capital.

Universities are space dependent, and the NYU community suffers from a lack of square footage in its Washington Square Core Campus. Other urban universities like Columbia, UPenn and Fordham have all faced times in their histories when expansion became a necessity. NYU's need for space is at an all-time high; new student dormitories, offices, faculty housing, a hotel, parkland, and a gymnasium are crucial to the future revitalization of the University and its quest to attract top talent. Because of its location, NYU will never be able to have the same amount of space allowances as its peer institutions; however, NYU's plan to maximize its existing footprint by building within the core—specifically, on the two southern superblocks—for as much as two million square feet of development, a quarter to a third of which will be below ground, will meet the long-term spatial needs of NYU's faculty, students and administrators while also being sensitive to the concerns of the surrounding community and the neighboring built environment.

I have personally experienced the absence of available rooms and seats for studying, exams, meetings, sports, and other aspects of student life. As NYU wants to maintain its status as a vibrantly functioning intellectual community, one that attracts top students and faculty, additional facilities are a necessity.

2. Secondly, in terms of sustainability and holistic development: I have looked at the 2031 Core Plan very carefully and have seen the ways in which the urban design of the area can be enhanced. Though the urban renewal superblocks now stand as inaccessible, barren structures, they have the potential to be woven into Greenwich Village as a sustainable and much needed urban connector, which will bring new, green open space to the public. The lush Philosophy and Tricycle Gardens, tranquil Greene Street Walk, and other public lawns and areas of greenery will offer much needed horticulture and landscape design, including new pathways to better traverse the superblocks. The university has also pledged to cut carbon emissions by 30 percent, on a per-square-foot basis, by 2017.

3. Third is the balance between NYU's need to grow while also preserving Greenwich Village's distinctive, historic character. This is appropriately addressed in the Core Plan and NYU poses no threat to the Village's historical charm.

By building on the University's own property and not further extending into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the university and the surrounding community. In order for NYU to maintain its status as an international institution and global center for research and scholarship, there is a need for an infrastructural expansion that will also improve its learning and research facilities.

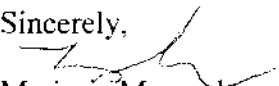
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I believe that an expanded campus will not only improve the University, but also create a stronger neighborhood and city. I urge you to support this vision for an enhanced Washington Square Core campus, as it has already thoughtfully incorporated desired changes, and is extremely important for the successful urban regeneration of both NYU and the City of New York. Thank you for your consideration and support of this historic plan.

Sincerely,


Marjorie Mayrock

February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
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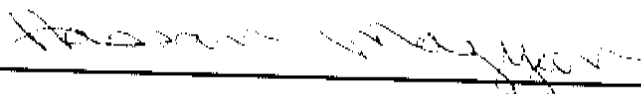
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I have been a homeowner in this neighborhood for 20 years. Overall, NYU is a good neighbor, but this new plan is just too much!

Sincerely,



Ms. Maureen W. Mc Carthy
126 Waverly Pl Apt 3E
New York NY 10011-9188

Maureen W. Mc Carthy

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
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Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727773097 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
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Email Address: barmcdaniel@yahoo.com

Message: February 15, 2012 As a Greenwich Village resident (near Mercer St. and Waverly Place), I have seen a tremendous expansion by NYU since I first moved to this neighborhood over 35 years ago. Frankly they are destroyed the neighborhood and turned it into an NYU campus. And they want to do more in this already crowded area? Its unbelievable. I blame many government officials for rezoning to suit special interests and with complete disregard of local residents. I beseech you to VOTE NO on NYUs proposed massive expansion plan in the Village. Thank you. Barbara McDaniel300 Mercer St., 6FNew York NY 10003barmcdaniel@yahoo.com

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April 25, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

I write to express my support for the New York University Core Project. The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research located within the Silver School of Social Work oversees numerous applied research studies aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty, as well as examining approaches to address and reduce the consequences of poverty.

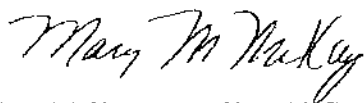
Recently released census figures confirm that the number of children and families living in poverty is increasing nationwide. New York City's Center for Economic Opportunity reports that the City's poverty rate stands at 21%, the highest it has been since 2005. The development of research and interventions focused on assisting and empowering impoverished communities is crucial.

We intend to hire additional staff and continue to build the Institute to meet these pressing needs. However, McSilver's space constraints are inhibiting our ability to increase our research capacity. Without proper offices, research labs, meeting rooms and additional classrooms, the McSilver Institute is unable to move forward with its organizational expansion.

McSilver studies are multidisciplinary and employ collaborative action research models. We are fortunate to be able to draw on the intellectual capital of New York University's 18 schools and colleges. Our close proximity to Washington Square allows for hands on involvement of faculty from several of the University's schools, including Steinhardt, Wagner and the Law School.

I urge you to vote to approve the New York University Core Project.

Sincerely,



Mary McKernan McKay, Ph.D.



Kathleen McKellar
 128 West 11th Street
 New York NY 10011
 February 21, 2012

Angela Battaglia
 City Planning Commission
 22 Reade Street
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Re: Please OPPOSE NYU 2031 Expansion "Plan"

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Shirley A. McRae
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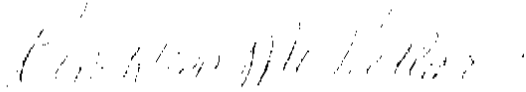
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Rayann Besser
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 22 Reade Street
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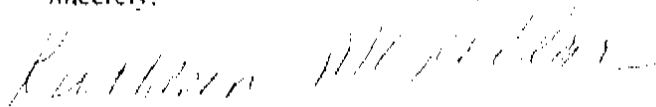
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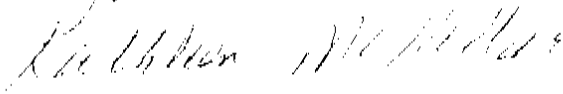
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Kathleen McKellar
 128 West 11th Street
 New York NY 10011
 February 21, 2012

Betty Y. Chen
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 22 Reade Street
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 128 West 11th Street
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Richard W. Eaddy
 City Planning Commission
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Lynne M. Felder

Kathleen McKellar
 128 West 11th Street
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 February 21, 2012

Kenneth J. Knuckles, Esq., Vice Chairman
 City Planning commission
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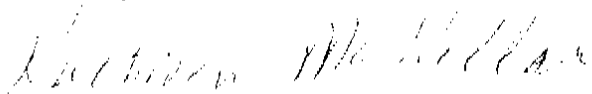
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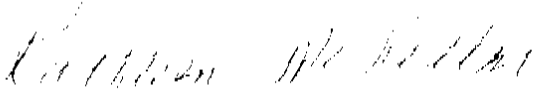
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From: lesliegmckenzie@yahoo.com (Leslie McKenzie)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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**Testimony of
Dr. David W. McLaughlin, Provost (Chief Academic Officer), New York University**

**Before the New York Planning Commission
for the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project**

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners,

My name is David McLaughlin and I am Provost of New York University. As chief academic officer, I am responsible for setting the University's academic strategy and priorities, working closely with the deans of NYU's 18 schools. The core of my responsibilities is strategic planning to ensure adequate growth of space to address the University's academic needs – while contributing to the vitality of our neighborhood and our city.

New space is badly needed for teaching, learning, scholarship and research in a range of disciplines. Our long term plan calls for growth across our five academic and research 'hubs' – the "Core" at Washington Square, the 1st Avenue Health Corridor, Downtown Brooklyn, Fine Arts on the Upper East Side, and a Midtown/Financial District presence for continuing and professional studies.

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NYU must grow to secure its research excellence – now, and in disciplines and areas we can only begin to imagine. The Superblocks is the best way to build on our strengths at the Core and to meet the academic challenges of the 21st century.

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-733644196 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:46:36 PM

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From: kmcrae@hawkins.com (Kathryn McRae)
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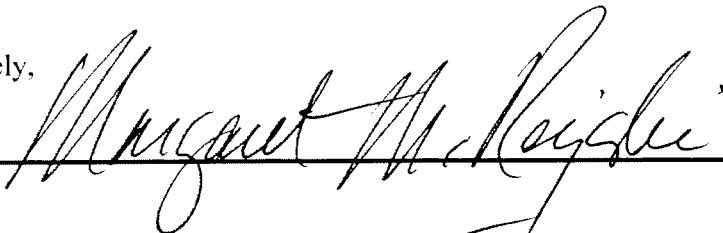
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The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY

Of

Joseph M. McShane, S. J.

Before

New York Planning Commission

In Support of

New York University's Core Project

April 25, 2012

Good Afternoon Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'm Joe McShane, the President of Fordham University, and I am here to testify on behalf of NYU's application for expanding and redeveloping their campus in the Village and beyond.

WHAT, might you ask, is a competitor doing supporting the advancement of another institution of higher education? That sentiment would surely evidence a very narrow understanding, both of the world of higher education and the spirit of New York City. We are all engaged in the same endeavor, though our specific academic missions, programs, cultures and sensibilities might be quite different and distinctive. But isn't that what New York is all about, difference, diversity and competition within the overarching enchantment and grittiness that is New York, and which makes us one City? --- A more cynical person might claim that I am here merely to repay John Sexton -- a three time Fordham graduate if you don't count the honorary doctorate--- for his unsolicited and gracious remark when he assumed the presidency of NYU, to the effect that one of his principal hopes was to make the educational experience at NYU more like Fordham -- but here I digress.

New York is one of the five or six intellectual capitals of the world, a status that rests upon its high concentration of colleges and universities. NYU is one of the core components of that New York City higher-education infrastructure. It energetically acts as an incubator and magnet for new talent and ideas. NYU students increasingly and overwhelmingly come from all over the country and the world, and a high percentage of them stay in the city when they graduate and contribute to its constant re-shaping. These NYU graduates, along with faculty, staff and students, pump and inject a tremendous amount of intellectual capital into the city's cultural, media, financial, fashion, educational and arts institutions and industries.

In March 2009 a report documented that the not-for-profit higher education industry is the fastest growing economic sector of New York City over the prior decade. Since 1990, educational services have experienced a 55 % growth in employment, followed by the arts, entertainment and recreation at 50 % growth levels. The education sector has remained undaunted by the great recession in terms of the growth of students and degrees awarded. Over 660,000 students attend college and university in New York and New York has truly become "the pre-eminent college town" dwarfing even such college towns like Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, San Francisco or even South Bend.

Conversely, the city's financial, insurance and real estate industries combined have fallen 11%, and manufacturing industries have plummeted by nearly 65% in the same period, due largely to the centrifugal forces of globalization. This economic transition has been framed as the shift from FIRE (Finance, Insurance and Real Estate) to ICE (Intellectual, Cultural and Educational).

It was none other than John Sexton, the President of NYU, who coined this new “turn of phrase” in his 2007 paper “Fire and Ice: The Knowledge Century and the University. Asserting the 21st century will be known as the “knowledge century”, “one in which the driving forces in the economy are ideas. This is a call for New York to reinvent itself as the “idea capital”.

Universities fit comfortably into this version of the emerging world. Daniel Patrick Moynihan said nearly 50 years ago: “if you want to build a world class city, build a great university and wait 200 years.” His insight is true today – except yesterday’s 200 years has become twenty.” That in essence is what NYU’s plan is all about, as universities have become a prime economic engine in the emerging “knowledge -based” economy.

It is reported that this ICE sector already contributes about \$26 billion to New York City’s economy, up from \$21.8 Billion in 2005. And it employs approximately 180,000 individuals even at a time of economic stress. While the FIRE Sector still remains a significant part of the NY City economic landscape, most of the growth in New York City is coming out of the knowledge economy—the ICE Sector.

Why has NYU proposed this specific plan? It is confronted by the reality that it is dwarfed in terms of its overall space per student, both academic (learning and research spaces) as well as needed support facility space, by its peer institutions that compete nationally with it for students. By way of clear comparison, with respect to academic space alone NYU’s space is dwarfed by its peer institutions’ average of 328 gsf/student compared with 144 gsf /student for NYU. Greater academic program and support space is simply essential to operate a major cutting edge research university.

NYU’s proposed plan has taken a city-wide approach. Of the total proposed 6 million square foot increase by location, about 1/3rd will be located within NYU’s Washington Square Core, where it already owns the land on two superblocks. Another 3 million will be developed in remote locations -- especially in Downtown Brooklyn and the eastside health corridor -- and less than 1.5 million square feet within the broader local neighborhood. Out of respect for its surrounding community and following a mandate that NYU took on to be sensitive to its impact on the neighborhood, NYU, has chosen to seek approval to develop on its own property.

This is analogous in spirit to our own decision at Fordham, where expansion and development was restricted to our own land and campus at our Lincoln Center Campus on the Upper West Side. Here, NYU’s decision will impact two super Blocks, where a significant percentage of its own faculty lives, and this has understandably led to the discomfort of some with the plan. But, it reflects willingness on the part of NYU to make difficult decisions -- and aim for a proper sort of balance between the interests of a major institution and its surrounding

community -- that is the only way to operate in a dense urban environment where space is scarce. This plan requires: No residential displacement, NO up-zoning, OR ANY eminent domain. In addition the project will create 18,200 construction jobs and 2,600 long-term employment opportunities.

NYU has listened to the concerns of the community. Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer's has played a role in helping craft a compromise plan that recognizes the importance of NYU to the economic and cultural well being of the city. Thus the Draft Plan being considered by the City Planning Commission is already a compromise plan that incorporates those major changes, which dramatically reduces the overall size of the project while making it more amenable to public considerations.

This ultimately is for the good not merely of NYU, but also for the city in which it engages in its authentic public service. NYU of course is part of the very fabric of this city and its institutions. It would be difficult if not impossible to find a sector of the City's intellectual economy to which NYU is not a significant contributor. The central shift toward an idea-laden, creativity-based economy in New York will be significantly strengthened by NYU's Plan. I endorse it and I urge you to approve the proposal.

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**Testimony on the NYU 2031 Building Plan
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I am a Professor of Politics and Public Policy at New York University, where I have taught since 1979. I support NYU 2031, the university's plan to expand its facilities at its main campus at Washington Square.

The reason is simple: NYU needs more space if it is to become a great university, a goal it has rapidly approached in my time here. These signs of crowding are obvious to me:

- *Classrooms:* I sometimes have had difficulty finding a usable classroom for my courses, because the classroom schedulers simply ran out of space.
- *Offices:* The Politics Department, where I work, has moved three times since I joined it in 1979, each time because it outgrew its old quarters. Our current offices—the best we have had—may also prove too small.
- *Faculty housing:* One of NYU's great attractions for faculty is the chance to live in Washington Square Village or Silver Towers, only minutes from one's office, thus avoiding all the hassle of commuting. But getting these apartments has become increasingly difficult. I have moved three times within these complexes as my family grew, and each time it was a struggle. Demand is too great. Supply must increase.

Also, I have held visiting positions or spent sabbaticals at several other schools at the level to which NYU now aspires—Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. I have also visited many other colleges and universities to give talks or attend conferences. None of these other schools faced space limits as tight as NYU's. Of course, some of them were in less congested settings. One must make some allowance for NYU's location in the most densely built city in the country. But even Columbia, our uptown peer and rival, has a vastly bigger campus than ours.

I don't necessarily endorse every detail of the NYU plan. The recent reductions in the proposed buildings that the administration has accepted may be politic. But the basic case for more facilities strikes me as incontrovertible.

Some regret the loss of open space that would follow from the new buildings planned for the garden that lies between the two Washington Square Village buildings and for the current site of

Coles Sports Center. I also regret that loss. I walk across the garden every day to my office. But this cost is less than opponents claim. The Washington Square Village garden is in fact little used. When I cross it I seldom see more than two or three other people, and often none at all. Other areas near these buildings, such as the plaza around Silver Towers, are far more frequented.

I also admit the disruption that construction would cause, but this too is overstated. There has already been a great deal of construction in and around the Washington Square campus in my time here. Various university buildings, including the current site of my department, have been built or rebuilt, forcing faculty to move, and few people have complained. The student center was torn down and replaced with a larger building. The law school has built several large edifices. The university's new power plant next to Warren Weaver Hall was recently built right outside my office window, and the noise was oppressive for only a couple of days. Why is the proposed new construction so different? We already deal with more noise than most people just by living in New York. The new construction would probably not add materially to that. The mitigation measures the university has proposed strike me as generous.

The opponents of the plan would be more credible if they offered a feasible alternative, but so far I have heard none. Some say the university should build elsewhere in New York, but new facilities away from Washington Square would be less useful than what is proposed. The university has already built several student dormitories on 3rd Avenue and 14th Street, at some distance from the Square. To get to class, many students have to board buses, whereas faculty get to walk from Washington Square Village or Silver Towers, which are far closer. It is reasonable to develop those inner locations more intensively.

Some critics suggest that they have not been consulted. It is true that the NYU administration has little tradition of consulting with faculty on university policy. But that is because the administration has seemed to need little oversight in recent decades. It has developed NYU into a world-class institution, bringing enormous benefits to faculty and students alike. The quality of

leadership at the top has been exceptional. Administrators at NYU are the most able I have encountered, including at the other schools mentioned above.

Due to that capability, few faculty have sought involvement in university issues. Instead, they have tended to their research and teaching. The building plan is the first issue I've seen to provoke a serious difference between administration and faculty in my entire time here. And yet on this issue consultation has been extensive. The faculty may not be persuaded, yet the administration has made its intentions clear for several years.

Some critics also say that the university cannot afford this expansion. I have not seen the cost and revenue numbers, nor would I be competent to assess them. I do find it plausible, as the administration claims, that much of the cost would be offset by a reduced need to rent space in buildings that NYU does not own. I also note that financial management at NYU has been excellent. The university has avoided mistakes, allowing it to weather the recent financial crisis with a minimum of disruption.

Opponents would also be more credible if they denied the university's need to grow. Only one of my colleagues has suggested this. Others tacitly accept a need to expand, but they seek to avoid the costs. Faculty already have a good situation. They get to do their work while the university improves around them. They want that progress to continue, but they also seek to avoid any inconvenience. That is inconsistent. That is not an argument the commission should endorse.

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First Name: Sam
Last Name: Memberg
Street Address: 160 Bleecker St
Address Number: 8DE
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
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Middle Name: G
Last Name: Mendez
Street Address: 421 West Broadway 2nd Floor
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-334-4956
Email Address: dgm@louismendez.com

Message: Dear Ms. Burden, I sent you a letter in February urging you to vote NO on the NYU2031 plan. I realize that the Planning Commission will be holding a hearing on Wednesday, 4/25 regarding this plan. I am now sending this e-mail to reiterate my opposition to the plan as recently revised by the Stringer compromise. The plan, which eliminates green spaces with many mature trees along Mercer Street and LaGuardia Place, as well as the Sasaki Gardens and the only real super market in the vicinity, is totally unacceptable. Please Vote NO. Thank you for your consideration.

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April 24, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am writing to voice my support for New York University's proposed expansion plan. As the Dean of the Stern School of Business Undergraduate College, I can attest to the critical need we have to increase our usable academic and communal space. I am going to illustrate my concerns in this regard through a few key examples:

1. We currently enroll 2400 undergraduates at Stern, and have no option to grow our student body despite attracting record numbers of applications from some of the brightest students in the world. With the wonderful ideas for innovation that we are able to generate, we are currently feeling the constraints of space, and the inability to be completely competitive with our peer schools because of this constraint. For example, one of our most recent academic innovations, the B.S. in Business and Political Economy, has registered a record number of applications, but we are forced to restrict the size of the incoming class due to space constraints.
2. Once students reach campus, our very mission toward academic excellence and innovation is challenged by our physical environment. For example, we run a required freshman year course on social issues and public policy, which consists of one plenary session and two recitation sessions per week. The course provides students with important building blocks for written, verbal and critical thinking skills. This course has been recognized as a new and innovative way of teaching these skills by leading academics, including acknowledgement in the book *Rethinking Undergraduate Business Education* by senior researchers at the Carnegie Foundation. Sadly, we are unable to do more classes like these because each year we must negotiate for space in the one place on the NYU campus that can accommodate large groups: the space is not a formal classroom, but an auditorium in which theatrical performances, not academic courses, are primarily held.

3. We are also challenged in our ability to add new sections to high-demand courses during course registration. Many times, once we have found adequate classroom space, it is too late in the semester to even offer the opportunity to students, so they must go without the course. This affects not only undergraduate business students, but students from across NYU who want to register for business courses.
4. While we are working hard to find space in which to teach our classes, our students are vying to find a place to study on campus. Though the Stern School recently added a floor of student study and community space through renovations in our existing building, students are still challenged to find space that meets all of their needs in a curriculum that necessitates group and individual study.

These are only a few examples of situations in which we have been constrained by our physical space. Stern needs additional classroom and study space in all sizes to continue to meet our students' needs, and this need will only continue to grow. It would allow us the flexibility to be creative in how and when we can educate our incredibly bright, hardworking students: students who expect and deserve nothing but academic excellence from us. If this need is not met, we will not be able to deliver even the most basic of classroom experiences, and it will be our students who will pay the price in the end.

While, there may be space available elsewhere in New York City and the Boroughs, I cannot stress enough how detrimental a move outside of Washington Square would be to the Stern undergraduate experience. From the simple act of attending classes outside of Stern (which is at least 50 percent of the time given the number of classes that our students are required to take in the liberal arts) to utilizing campus resources like career or tutoring services, students must have reasonable access to Washington Square. Beyond students' academic life, if you relocate them away from the heart of NYU, you remove any semblance of connection to the NYU community, and to the Stern community that we have worked very hard to nurture and foster over the years.

The Stern School is one of the top-ranked institutions worldwide for an undergraduate business degree. As we continue our upward trajectory along with NYU, we will be constrained by our growing need for space. Without more of it, we will not be able to innovate to attract the best and brightest students, faculty and administrators.

Members of the NYU community are also members of the Greenwich Village and greater New York communities. I believe that NYU's expansion plan is a very reasonable step in the direction of ensuring that all of our communities – together – are able to prosper.

Sincerely,



Geeta Menon

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Last Name: Miata
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Address Number: 1C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10024
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-580-0220
Email Address: fmiata0@gmail.com

Message: Dear Chairperson Burden,As a Mahattan resident, with family in the village,I
object to the NYU expansion plan. It would further erode the low density character of the neighborhood
and take away from the public spaces in the area. Alternatives are available to NYU. Please vote
no.Sincerely, Frank Miata

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**Letter IN OPPOSITION to NYU Core Expansion Project:
ULURP Application #s: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM**

Dear Chairperson Burden and Commissioners:

As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association, I wish to ask City Planning to vote NO on the above-referenced ULURP applications for the NYU 2031 Plan.

Our area is a long-established, historic residential neighborhood. Some of my concerns about NYU's Plan include that it will add a significant amount of bulk and density, dramatically increasing the student population in the Bleecker area. This will change the demographics of Greenwich Village, as well as bring student-serving retail where charming, neighborhood and visitor-serving retail currently exists.

Another shift will be the types of retail attracted to all this new NYU space that would be allowed by the requested rezoning: lower-end eating-and-drinking establishments, cheap clothing stores, and taverns. The BAMRA area's existing retail will not be able to survive, especially after being in a construction zone for much of the next 20 years, and the new retail replacing it will not be the type that attracts millions of visitors to our area each year. While most of the undergraduate population would not be of legal age to drink, underage drinking is a huge problem that cannot be allowed additional opportunities to grow. Noise is one of the greatest foes to this neighborhood's quality of life, and Greenwich Village already has it in abundance. The 10-12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and bars open until late at night will give us absolutely no respite, and the thousands of students residing in an area with reduced recreation space due to new building footprints will cause additional town/gown issues.

I hope you will deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks and build approximately two million square feet, do not allow NYU to take over public land for their own use, and ask you to preserve existing deed restrictions.

NYU has many other places where building would be better for NYC and would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Just as our children take public transportation to middle and high schools every day, a MetroCard provides a quick, easy, safe and sustainable method of transportation, so travel to other parts of NYC should not be an issue when considering NYU's application. **Please vote NO on the NYU Core Expansion Plan.**

Thank you,

Signed: Thomas Michals

Name: THOMAS MICHALS

Address: 114 MACDOUGAL ST. (APT 8) NY, NY, 10012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Chair Burden,

On the subject of NYU's Greenwich Village expansion plan, I respectfully direct your attention to this excerpt from Allen Churchill's book of 1959, "The Improper Bohemians."

"... the octopus that is NYU has reached out from its buildings on Washington Square East to gain control of the south side of the Square. On the site of John Reed's 42 Washington Square and other picturesque dwellings, it erected a pleasant but undistinguished New York University Law Library."

Mr Churchill goes on to describe Loeb Student Center (predecessor of Kimmel Center) and Washington Square Village as unwelcome developments.

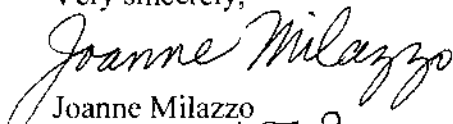
Even then, the population of the Village was steadily rising, reflecting the growth of New York City. As a resident of the Village for 45 years, I have witnessed the building progress of NYU, with its impact of more crowded sidewalks, streets, and stores. If NYU goes ahead with this project, the crowding will be unmanageable, building wise, people wise, and traffic wise.

I am in favor of the University building in other areas that are not such magnets of humanity. Greenwich Village is already a popular tourist destination. Surely students can be housed elsewhere. The campus can be easily reached by bus and subway; New York's transit system is very efficient.

I was gladdened by the testimony of the young NYU student at Wednesday's hearing, who delivered a heartfelt plea to locate these buildings elsewhere, and when asked if he lived on campus, said that he resided in the Bronx. The subway was my way to and from NYU in the 1960's when I attended the School of Education (I even hitch hiked during the subway strike). It was always during rush hour, and I took it in stride. There is no reason to add any dormitory space anywhere in Greenwich Village.

I ask you to please vote no to all aspects of NYU's plan for expansion in the super blocks in Greenwich Village.

Very sincerely,


Joanne Milazzo
240 SULLIVAN ST. 9
NEW YORK, NY 10012

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742749506 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 2:13:50 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742749506

DATE RECEIVED: 04/17/2012 14:12:29

DATE DUE: 05/01/2012 14:13:42

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/17/2012 14:12:19
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: stmseelig@aol.com (Christina Miller)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Christina Miller (stmseelig@aol.com) on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 14:12:19

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Christina
Last Name: Miller
Company: York College
Street Address: 50-01 245th St
Address Number: 50-01 245th St
City: Douglaston
State: NY
Postal Code: 11362
Country: United States
Extension: NY
Email Address: stmseelig@aol.com
Message: Please support NYUs 2031 Plan.

REMOTE_HOST: 198.61.19.10, 68.142.110.12
HTTP_ADDR: 198.61.19.10, 68.142.110.12
HTTP_USER_AGENT: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_6_8) AppleWebKit/534.50 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/5.1 Safari/534.50

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742749517 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 2:14:02 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742749517

DATE RECEIVED: 04/17/2012 14:13:28

DATE DUE: 05/01/2012 14:13:52

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/17/2012 14:13:04
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: stmseelig@aol.com (Christina Miller)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Christina Miller (stmseelig@aol.com) on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 14:13:03

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Christina
Last Name: Miller
Company: York College
Street Address: 50-01 245th St
Address Number: 50-01 245th St
City: Douglaston
State: NY
Postal Code: 11362
Country: United States
Extension: NY
Email Address: stmseelig@aol.com
Message: Please support NYUs 2031 Plan.

REMOTE_HOST: 198.61.19.10, 208.111.161.128
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HTTP_USER_AGENT: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_6_8) AppleWebKit/534.50 (KHTML, like
Gecko) Version/5.1 Safari/534.50

-----Original Message-----

From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 01/08/2012 19:28:33
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: jonathan.mincer@gmail.com (Jonathan Mincer)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jonathan Mincer (jonathan.mincer@gmail.com) on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 19:28:33

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Jonathan
Middle Name: Y
Last Name: Mincer
Street Address: 100 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 28A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 9175439790
Email Address: jonathan.mincer@gmail.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden:I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square

feet of space south of Washington Square Park - the equivalent of the Empire State Building - would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities. The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong. There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed.

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January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

JAN 31 2012

Dear Chair Burden:

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The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

Prof. Allen Mincer

100 Bleeker St. #28A

February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE COLLEGE TO EXPAND IN THE VILLAGE. NYU HAS NO INTENTIONS TO RELOCATE AND SHOULD REMAIN BY THE EXISTING ZONING LAWS.

Sincerely,

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JANE ST. [unclear]

[Handwritten signature]

[unclear]

From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739743289 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 4:29:41 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-739743289

DATE RECEIVED: 04/04/2012 16:28:20

DATE DUE: 04/18/2012 16:29:32

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 04/04/2012 16:27:29
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: sylviasyour@verizon.net (Anne Minich)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anne Minich (sylviasyour@verizon.net) on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 16:27:29

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Anne
Last Name: Minich
Street Address: 50 King Street - 3A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-675-4213
Email Address: sylviasyour@verizon.net

Message: As an alumni of N.Y.U. I am always sympathetic to its needs, but where does expansion stop for a university with a world wide student body? They could put the whole of Manhattan to educational purposes. Meanwhile, the unique Village has so few open green spaces left. Please, say no to this latest expansion. Enough is enough.

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January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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JAN 31 2012

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Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

I have been very depressed
about this. I urge you to
SAVE our Community from

Sincerely,

Dora Mintz
Dora Mintz

FRANKENSTEIN
AKA NYU

Please Please Please VOTE NO

to NYU's Plans.

88 Bleeker # 55

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727803728 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Facility Complaint
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 11:13:06 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 8:36 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727803728 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Facility Complaint

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727803728

DATE RECEIVED: 02/15/2012 20:34:57

DATE DUE: 02/29/2012 20:35:58

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov

Sent: 02/15/2012 20:34:14
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: dmintz7@gmail.com (Dora Mintz)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dora Mintz (dmintz7@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 20:34:14

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Facility Complaint
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Dora
Middle Name: L
Last Name: Mintz
Street Address: 88 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 5J
City: New Yoek
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-476-5979
Email Address: dmintz7@gmail.com

Message: Dear Chair Burden:I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park the equivalent of the Empire State Building would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities. Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.Please don't overlook our crucial plea to stop NYU from literally destroying our community. Like Dorothy said, There's no place like home. Sincerely,Dora Mintz88 Bleecker Street, Apt. 5JNew York, NY 10012

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729356186 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:27:44 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 8:51 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729356186 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729356186

DATE RECEIVED: 02/22/2012 20:50:02

DATE DUE: 03/07/2012 20:51:17

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

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From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/22/2012 20:49:51

To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: dmintz7@gmail.com (Dora Mintz)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Dora Mintz (dmintz7@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 20:49:51

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Dora
Middle Name: L
Last Name: Mintz
Street Address: 88 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 5J
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-476-5979
Email Address: dmintz7@gmail.com

Message: Dear Ms. Burden: Im going to keep short. I know how busy you are.
Please vote no to NYUs plan from literally bulldozing our community. Imagine if you had a serene garden that took you years to create. Now try to imagine a giant tractor destroying everything in its path. Gone will be the place you used to call My Little Paradise. Gone will be your flowers, birds nests, a lawn where your dogs can run free. Gone will be the charm and serenity you used to cherish.
Please take a moment to understand how crucial our fight is to block NYUs greedy, inconceivable plan from ruining our neighborhood. We love the Village for a reason. It is why we live here. Like Dorothy said: Theres no place like Home. Thank you for your most honorable consideration to support our cause.

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January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
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JAN 31 2012

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Sincerely,

Robert Muntz

88 Bleecker St

NY 10012

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729380391 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:27:44 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:21 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729380391 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729380391

DATE RECEIVED: 02/22/2012 21:20:05

DATE DUE: 03/07/2012 21:20:56

SOURCE: eSRM

RELATED SR# OR CASE#: N/A

EMPLOYEE NAME OR ID#: N/A

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:

LANGUAGE NEED:

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-----Original Message-----

From: PortalAdmin@doitt.nyc.gov
Sent: 02/22/2012 21:19:23
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: robert.mintz7@gmail.com (Robert Mintz)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robert Mintz (robert.mintz7@gmail.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 21:19:23

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Robert
Middle Name: H
Last Name: Mintz
Street Address: 88 Bleecker Street
Address Number: 5J
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646-476-5979
Email Address: robert.mintz7@gmail.com

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April 24, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am a faculty member at NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study. I am also an associate faculty member at the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, an affiliated member of the Sociology Department, and a faculty member at the Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies. Finally, I direct a program in Iranian Studies. The Iranian Studies Initiative is a joint program with Gallatin School, School of the Arts and Sciences, and the Liberal Arts Studies. Many faculty members and students from different departments and programs work collaboratively on an ongoing basis and realize new programs such as ISI. We can only collaborate and create new ideas and programs because we are all located in the Washington Square campus. Our hope and plan for the future development of ISI depends on having access to more space in order to transform this Initiative into an international center for the study of Iranian history and culture. I believe this is possible with NYU 31 plan.

I teach Middle Eastern Studies at the undergraduate level at Gallatin and almost always have students from other Schools in my classes. I also teach classes at the graduate level at the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. The possibility of having students from other Schools and the opportunity to teach, attend meetings, and interact with other faculty members in the Middle East and Sociology Departments was one motivation for moving from Massachusetts to NYC ten years ago.

As director of the Iranian Studies Initiative, it is impossible to have this program at Gallatin if we are not in close proximity to the Kevorkian Center. Almost all of our programs and events take place there. All of our events, including our academic lectures, film screenings, exhibitions, and artistic performance are open to the public and often done in collaboration with the Iranian community outside of NYU. There is a large community of Iranians living in the New York metropolitan area whom we collaborate very closely with. We are of course very limited in our capacities due to lack of appropriate space for our programs. We have planned to expand ISI and create an academic home for the program. Currently, we do not have a "physical" space dedicated to ISI. There is no space for our visiting faculty or our larger public lectures. The future of ISI depends on having access to more space in the Washington Square area and I believe that NYU31 will realize the dream we have for the Iranian Studies Initiative.

If I had been only a faculty member at Gallatin and the School was far from other Schools, it would have been impossible to create a program such as ISI. We collaborate on academic events, participate in undergraduate and graduate committees, attend faculty recruitment meetings, and many other

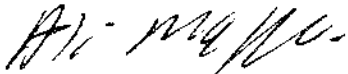


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For all of these reasons, from the point of view of my School, I strongly urge you to support NYU's plan 2031.

Yours sincerely

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Ali Mirsepassi

Professor, Sociology/Middle Eastern Studies
Director, Iranian Studies Initiative,
Gallatin School of Individualized Study
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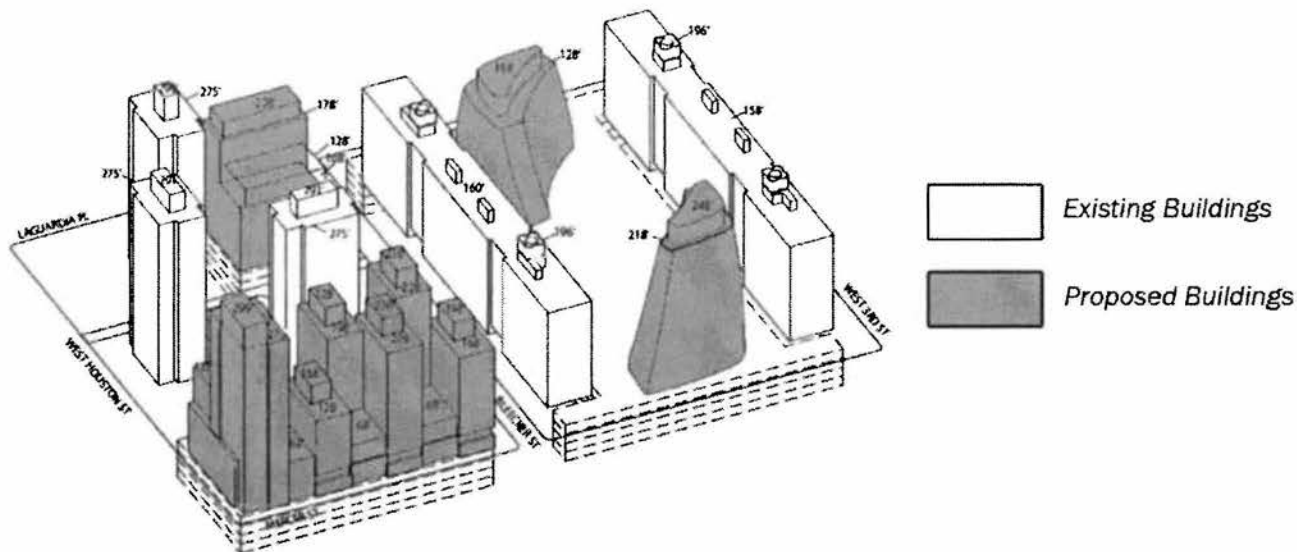
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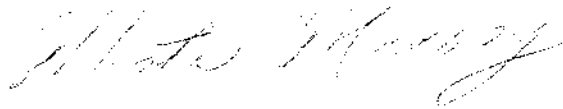
RE: Urging rejection of NYU Core Project ULURP Application etc

Date: May 5, 2012

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners

As a 40 year resident of Greenwich Village, I'm writing to add my voice to those of other concerned Village residents urging you to vote NO to planned expansion of NYU. A review of their past performance, combined with their stated intentions, all but guarantee unwanted and unnecessary degradation of our much loved and widely admired neighborhood. PLEASE SAY NO.

Yours truly,



Marta Mooney
111 Barrow Street #4F
New York, NY

February 6, 2012

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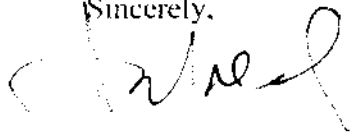
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Our neighborhoods are losing what we live here for! "Growth" is not all it's cracked up to be. STOP the expansion.

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VIA Fax 212 720-3219

April 23, 2012

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APRIL 25, 2012

Chairperson Burden, members of the Commission, I appreciate the opportunity to speak before you today. My name is Mitchell Moss; I live at 100 Bleecker Street in the Silver Towers complex. I have been a member of the faculty at New York University for 39 years, since September 1973. I have lived all but eight of my 63 ½ years either on or within 9 miles of the superblock site.

I would like to highlight four aspects of the proposed rezoning under consideration today. Let me first point out that the proposed rezoning will not destroy Greenwich Village or its historic pattern of land use, as many opponents have argued. In fact, just the opposite is true. Greenwich Village is not a homogeneous community; the area located between Broadway and Washington Square Park has been filled with manufacturing structures for more than 100 years. In fact the famous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, the site of one of the city's worst fires, occurred in a building that has since been converted to be a center for teaching and research. This section of Greenwich Village differs considerably from the west Village, the pristine historic district west of Seventh Avenue, where Marc Jacobs has superceded Jane Jacobs as the area's driving force.

What makes Greenwich Village such a compelling destination is the very mix of activities that occurs within its boundaries. Contrary to many local residents, NYU does not dominate Greenwich Village; in fact, the most rapidly growing sources of employment in the 10012 zip code are eating and drinking establishments and retail stores. I have prepared a chart showing that there are 327 food and

drinking establishments in the 10012 zip code, the area between Broome and West 4th Streets, from 6th Avenue to Bowery. This is one of the city's largest concentrations of such dining and drinking establishments.

In addition, during the past two decades, the Houston Street corridor, from Broadway to 6th Avenue has witnessed a shift to retail, residential and restaurant activity, replacing auto repair shops, parking lots, and gas stations, a transformation that has occurred independently of NYU.

The obsolete, un-air conditioned Coles Gym, located at the corner of Mercer and Houston Streets, is in fact the shortest building at 23.5 feet on the entire street, and is certainly the ugliest, with an exterior of cinderblock and not one window or doorway facing a major thoroughfare. It is perhaps the most anti-urban building in the community, crying out to be replaced.

Across the nation, there is widespread agreement that environmentally sustainable planning should foster urban development in close proximity to mass transit facilities. More than ten subway lines are within about a quarter mile of the superblocks under consideration. Furthermore, students, faculty and staff who live in New Jersey can easily reach NYU via the PATH system, which has a station located at 9th Street and Sixth Avenue, a few blocks from NYU's Washington Square campus.

Greenwich Village, especially the section from Broadway to Seventh Avenue, is one of New York City's most transit-dense areas, as indicated on a map included in this testimony. If new high rise buildings cannot be built on the super blocks, which are accessible by the A, B, C, D, E, F, M, N, R, 1, and 6 trains, then where in the entire city of New York can we build anything.

There has also been much attention given to the noise generated by construction. Noise is a product of human activity and activity is the basis of urban life. People make noise, when they talk, shout, play music, and public agencies are responsible for some of the loudest, most invasive noise when emergency vehicles blast their sirens at all hours of the day and night. The one source of noise that we do regulate well is construction noise as a result of the municipal 2007 noise code, the first systematic noise regulations adopted by the city government in thirty years.

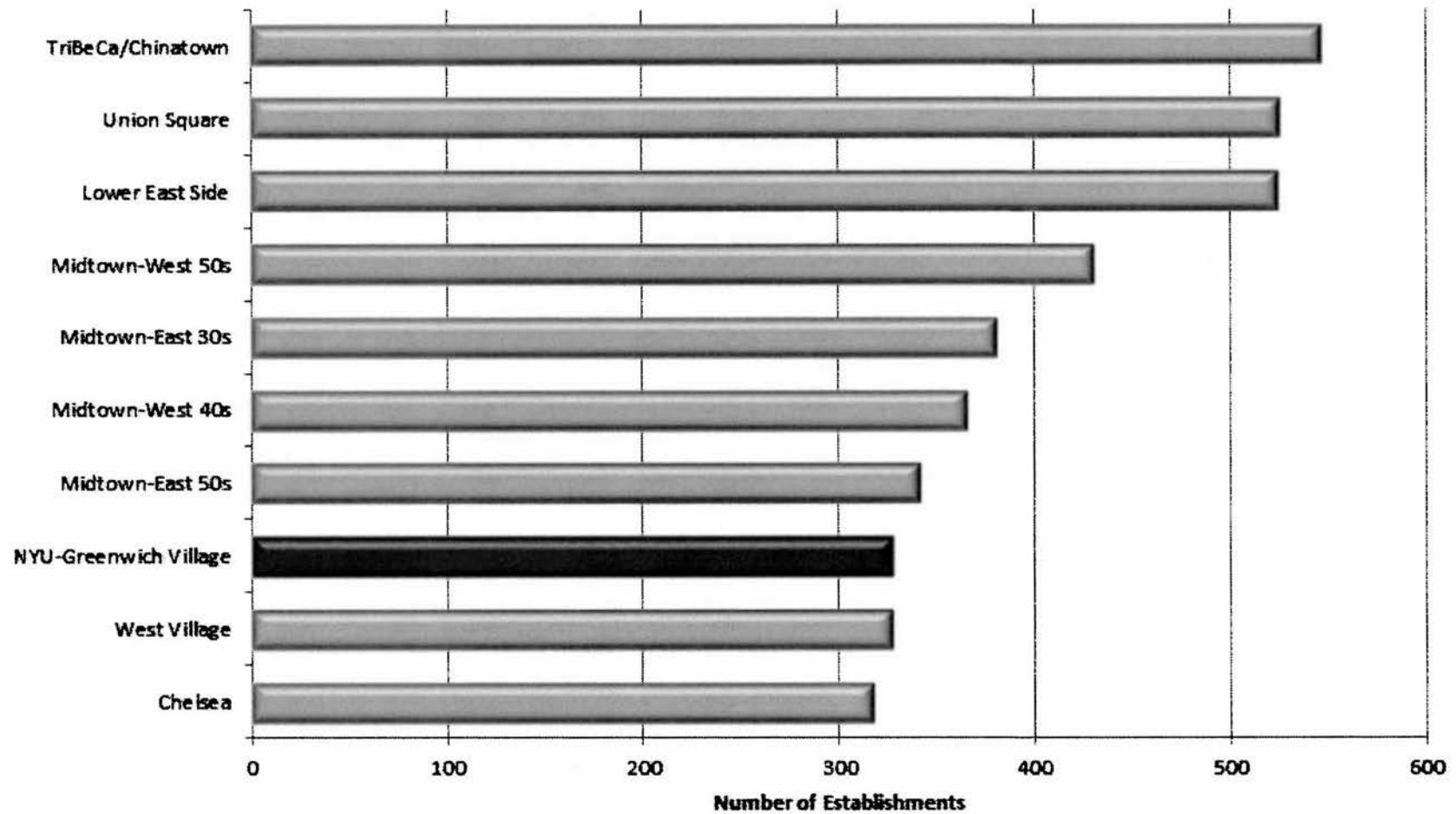
New York is a loud, active city that is constantly in motion; the Rudin Center for Transportation at NYU's Wagner School has recently issued a report stating that there are 4 million people on the island of Manhattan during a typical weekday. Noise is a sign of vitality. We are not a city of the past like Williamsburg, Virginia which is filled with quiet horse-drawn carriages or Detroit, Michigan where there is no one on the empty sidewalks or streets

In March 2012, there were more than 10,000 calls to "311" complaining about noise; in fact, noise was the second largest source of complaints, following complaints about heat. If you want peace and tranquility, the municipal government offers Fort Tryon Park in Washington Heights and Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Admittedly, New York City is not as quiet as Hanover, New Hampshire or Grinnell, Iowa, but those college towns do not have 8.4 million people.

Finally, the one group to be displaced by the proposed rezoning are the four-legged creatures who rely on the Mercer-Houston Dog Run. This community-operated dog run is open to all, but requires that all dogs be inoculated to prevent the spread of illness and must not engage in aggressive, hostile behavior. It is a remarkable organization that draws upon dog owners from all parts of the city and is totally run on a volunteer basis. I urge you to maintain this valuable component of the community with an equal or better dog run on the superbblock site.

Thank you for your time and attention. I will, of course, be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Top 10 Manhattan Neighborhoods for Restaurants and Bars



Source: 2009 Zip Code Business Patterns, U.S. Census Bureau

WEEKDAY SUBWAY RIDERSHIP BY STATION (2010)

Rank	Station	Lines	Average Weekday Riders
21	West 4th Street-Washington Sq	A, C, E, B, D, F, M	37,175
29	Broadway-Lafayette-Bleecker	6, B, D, F, M	34,191
71	Astor Place	6	17,630
77	8th Street-NYU	N, R	16,759
91	Prince Street	N, R	14,826
126	Spring Street	C, E	11,249
130	Spring Street	6	11,132
TOTAL SUBWAY RIDERS PER WEEKDAY			142,962

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Authority



Subway Accessibility in New York City



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January 4, 2012

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22 Reade Street
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729861486 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:47:51 PM

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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 3:44 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729861486 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions

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From: tidalf flats@mac.com (Rhoma Mostel)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Rhoma
Last Name: Mostel
Street Address: 100 Sullivan Street 4B
Address Number: N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: tidalf flats@mac.com

Message: Last night, in a historic decision, Community Board 2 (Greenwich Village) voted unanimously to reject the NYU 2031 plan. Hundreds of people, each representing so many others, attended, and over one hundred people testified against the plan. Will you stand up in the name of Jane Jacobs and join us in rejecting the NYU 2031 plan.

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Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade St
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April 16, 2012

Re: Testimony Against NYU 2031 Plan, April 25, 2012

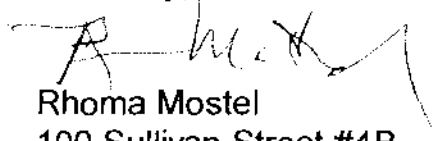
Dear Commissioner Burden:

Enclosed is my testimony against the NYU 2031 Plan. in advance of the April 25, 2012 Hearing Date.

As a longtime member of the beloved community garden, La Guardia Corner Gardens, I specifically request that the garden, which is on DOT land, be preserved in perpetuity and transferred to the Parks Department.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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tidalflats@mac.com

Testimony on NYU 2031 Plan, City Planning Commission, April 25, 2012

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LaGuardia Corner Gardens should be transferred to the Parks Department and preserved as a garden for the community and by the community in perpetuity. Visitors from all the world have admired it, and it has been featured in several international programs, such as the one produced by Asahi Television in Japan.

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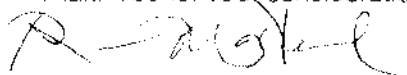
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As for the job growth argument, it is laudable in its transparency. If NYU were serious about this, it would be looking in the Financial District, or even Detroit, which is a lot closer than Abu Dhabi.

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On behalf of my neighbors, and all who enjoy the gardens and sky, proximity to the current neighborhood, and sense of place and sustainable life here, I urge you to say NO to the NYU plan in its entirety.

Thank you for your consideration



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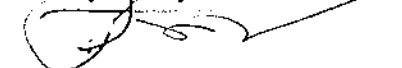
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January 4, 2012

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David Mulkins

239 East 5th St, # 2B

New York, NY 10003

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-735755159 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 9:46:57 AM

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DATE RECEIVED: 03/20/2012 09:46:10

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From: emuller@barcap.com (ERIK MULLER)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Last Name: MULLER
Street Address: WOOSTER ST
City: NYC
State: NY
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Street Address: 92 Horatio Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
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OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

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Chair, City Planning Commission
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*This plan is horrible for the Village. The Village has
had a long history. We fear that so many
family members are against the plan, should
get a copy of the plan. They concerned
not only their part of the Village, but the
community itself.*

Sincerely,

Linda Ryan

Linda Ryan
Executive Director
4/24/12 11:00 AM

January 4, 2012

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2 Washington Square Village

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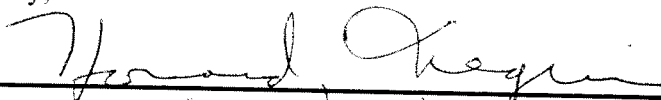
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Howard Neglin

14 Washington Place

New York, NY 10003-6609

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14 Washington Place
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May 2, 2012

RE: New York University Core

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Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

At the public hearing held on April 25 in connection with the above-referenced matter, I testified in opposition to the NYU E.I.S. application. I am submitting a somewhat expanded written version of my testimony for the record.

First, I would like to express my admiration and gratitude for the courtesy and patience shown by the Commission during the extraordinarily long hearing.

Although, I join with Community Board 2 and the overwhelming majority of residents in our area in rejecting the thoroughly destructive NYU proposals for the superblocks, I would like to focus my remarks on the proposed rezoning of the misnamed loft blocks. The label "loft blocks" may be found on some maps and clearly refers to the distant past of area in question, but I am unaware of a single loft today in this area.

Briefly, NYU proposes rezoning an area of six square blocks east of Washington Square Park, centered on Washington Place, by changing the current R7-2 residential zoning to a C1-5 commercial overlay. The proposed commercial overlay area runs from West Fourth Street in the south to north of Waverly Place, where it abuts the Eighth Street commercial zone, and from Mercer Street on the east to Washington Square East on the west.

At the outset, it should be noted that although the NYU ULURP application in general is based on the university's claimed need for additional space, the commercial overlay proposal belies that need by actually reducing the available space for academic purposes in existing buildings and in at least one new building scheduled for construction in this area. Why then would the university include this incongruous element in its proposals?

NYU argues that Washington Place needs “livening.” This argument has come as a great surprise to residents of a street which lies in the center of the university’s academic complex. On any given day, literally thousands of students, faculty, administrators, maintenance workers, delivery workers, and waste removal contractors clog our street and neighboring streets. The university seems engaged in an unending and intrusive series of construction projects, where some work continues into the nighttime hours. To these activities, should be added outdoor events and noisy celebrations that require closing a portion of our street. Residents of Washington Place largely agree that the last thing we need is more “livening.”

NYU also maintains that a commercial overlay will enable it to serve the retail needs of the neighborhood. Quite frankly, this rationale is patently absurd. With 24 existing stores grandfathered within the proposed commercial overlay area, and one of the city’s largest and most popular shopping districts on Broadway, one very short block from the eastern end of the proposed overlay, and the large Eighth Street shopping area abutting the northern edge of the proposed overlay, by no stretch of the imagination can our neighborhood be characterized as underserved by existing retail. It is clear that NYU is attempting to misuse commercial overlay zoning that is generally designed for residential neighborhoods that are truly lacking retail services.

Another NYU argument is that a rezoning of the loft blocks would bring existing shops “into compliance.” This would seem to suggest that these shops are in some way violating existing regulations. However, as the resolution of Community Board 2 wisely observes, the existing shops conform to regulations because they were grandfathered when the zoning was changed many decades ago.

It seems clear when one cuts through the smokescreen of NYU rationalizations that the university’s true purpose in proposing the C1-5 overlay is to exploit the commercial potential of its academic properties. In so doing, it is willing to greatly compromise the quality of life on our streets and to upend the current balance of academic, commercial, and residential elements that characterizes our area.

The commercial overlay proposal should also be viewed within the context of university’s long-term, barely veiled ambition to control the public space on Washington Place, with the ultimate aim of de-mapping the street. In the past, NYU has obtained a temporary closing of a portion of Washington Place, and only the vigorous protests of residents led the city to reopen the closed street. Earlier iterations of the current 2031 plan proposed turning our

street into a pedestrian mall, with far more commercial development than that now proposed. This can only cast doubt on the validity of the relatively modest amount of commercial space now presented as the Reasonable Worst Case Development Scenario.

However, there is no justification for any additional commercial development in the designated area. Such development would not only create an intolerable situation for residents already suffering from the multiple intrusive NYU activities discussed above, but would also offer unwelcome and unnecessary competition to area merchants. I strongly urge you to reject this requested zoning change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard Negrin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Howard Negrin, President

Washington Place Block Association

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Ronny Dubson

3 Washington Square Village

NYC 10012

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I am NYU faculty and live at
1 Washington Square Wf.
I strongly oppose NYU's 2031 Plan

Sincerely,

J. Nemethy

JUDITH NEMETHY

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729608548 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:54:25 PM

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Judith Nemethy (jn2@nyu.edu) on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 16:17:50

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Message Type: Request for Information
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Judith
Last Name: Nemethy
Company: NYU
Street Address: 1 Washington Square Vlg
Address Number: 3L
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Email Address: jn2@nyu.edu

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
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Date: Monday, April 09, 2012 7:10:35 PM

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From: nemethyj26@gmail.com (Judith Nemethy)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Judith
Last Name: Nemethy
Street Address: 1 Washington Square Village
Address Number: 3L
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-505-9658
Email Address: nemethyj26@gmail.com

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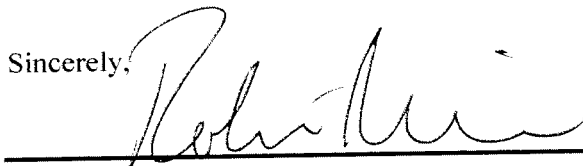
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Yael Niv, mother to two young boys who rely on fresh
air and areas to play and sit in the shade of trees in their
neighborhood.

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727538737 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 12:53:10 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 9:00 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-727538737 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-727538737

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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State: NY
Country: United States

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730425957 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:48:39 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730425957 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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From: kw481@nyu.edu ()
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
State: NY
Country: United States
Email Address: kw481@nyu.edu

Message: I live in NYU housing. My husband works for NYU. We have two children who go to school here. We love living in the Village but NYU is going to turn our community into a construction zone for the next two decades for NO reason. They cannot explain why they need to grow so much and how they are going to pay for the construction. We are worried that NYU will pay for this expansion by reducing jobs and/or eliminating pension benefits. They have no endowment to pay for it. NYU's massive Village expansion plan would have a tremendously negative impact upon the entire Village and the surrounding SoHo, NoHo, Union Square, Chelsea, and East Village communities. Better alternatives such as the Financial District have been proposed. Thousands of people have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE PLAN!

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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739937607 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2012 12:24:21 PM

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740305070 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 2:23:01 PM

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: No
State: NY
Country: United States

Message: PLEASE OPPOSE THE NYU 2031 PLAN AS IT WILL BE A HORRIBLE BURDEN ON THE COMMUNITY, BOTH IN TERMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUT IN TERMS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL STABILITY. THIS DEGREE OF MASSIVE OVER-BUILDING WILL DESTROY THE VILLAGE. THANK YOU!

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Kinga Novak



Resident | Washington Sq. Village

and NYU employee

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2 Washington Sq Vlge #10V
New York,
NY 10012

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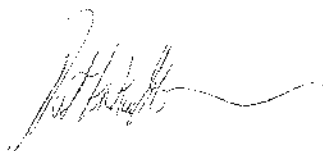
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First, I want to thank you for your service to our city. You have shown many of us the importance of a vital involvement in the health of the commons through your emphasis on aesthetics, sensible solutions and new ideas. Your work with the High Line is an outstanding triumph for New York. Many New Yorkers are grateful for your contributions to open space, green space, and a vital street life.

It is these very values that compel me to write to you today urging you to vote NO to NYU's unwieldy and unattractive plan for construction in the blocks between 3rd Street and Houston, and between Mercer and LaGuardia. The plan projects a dense, dark, and closed area where now there is sun, a historic garden, a visual open space that 'breathes' between the residential towers that border the traditional six-story village buildings to the west, and the eight-ten story loft buildings to the east. Filling this space with tall towers would be a terrible mistake. Furthermore, the architectural design is actually shockingly ugly and brings nothing new or creative to the landscape.

In my capacity as a spiritual teacher in the local community, I urge you to recognize the consequences to the mental and physical wellbeing of the local residents and those who frequent the area. The plan is poorly designed and depressing looking. Please do not let NYU ruin a neighborhood that has created joy and art for so many.

Sincerely,



Pat Enkyo O'Hara
Abbot, Village Zendo

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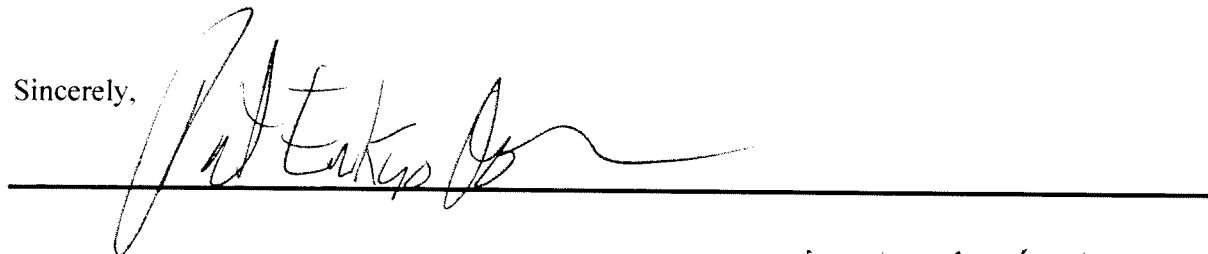
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I am so concerned about high density
and green space loss!

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-740248759 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Friday, April 06, 2012 12:20:50 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-740248759

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From: pat.ohara@nyu.edu (Pat OHara)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Pat
Middle Name: M
Last Name: OHara
Street Address: 2 Washington Sq Village
Address Number: 10V
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2126740832
Email Address: pat.ohara@nyu.edu

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2 Washington SQ. Vlg. 10V NY NY 10012.

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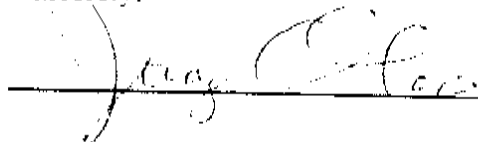
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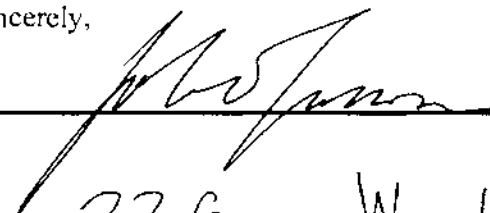
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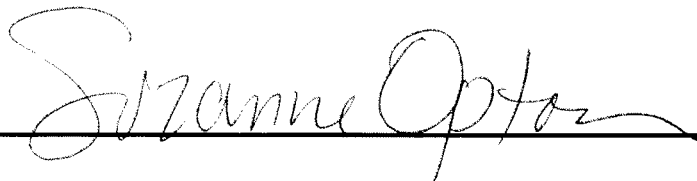
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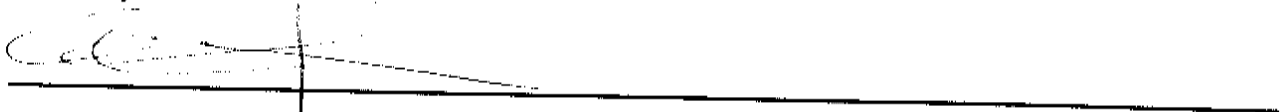
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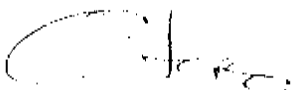
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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742485708 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 2:52:09 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742485708

DATE RECEIVED: 04/16/2012 14:51:07

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From: david.oxman@davispolk.com (David Oxman)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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David Oxman (david.oxman@davispolk.com) on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 14:51:01

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Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: David
Middle Name: C
Last Name: Oxman
Company: Davis Polk Wardwell
Street Address: 450 Lexington Avenue
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10017
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212.450.4884
Email Address: david.oxman@davispolk.com

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Andy Packer

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From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-726487186 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:33:25 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

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From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:32 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Janice
Last Name: Pargh
Street Address: 176 Thompson Street
Address Number: 3C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
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Testimony of Kenneth Bradley (Brad) Penuel,
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Before the New York City Planning Commission
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Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

My name is Brad Penuel, Assistant Vice President for Health at New York University. First of all, thank you for your time and the opportunity to participate in this important process. I come to you today to speak in favor of the NYU 2031 core expansion plan.

As I am sure you have heard today from a number of speakers, NYU 2031 is a plan created to address the University's growth not just in the Village, but City-wide. Central to this strategy is to co-locate complementary academic disciplines as it is our belief that these adjacencies enhance student learning, promote faculty collaborations, and spur interdisciplinary research. Today's hearing has primarily focused on the NYU2031 expansion plans for the Greenwich Village core. However, I would like to tell you a bit about the University's activities and investments in another critical component of the plan, the development within the Health Corridor primarily along 1st Avenue in Manhattan between 23rd and 34th St. and how the principles of the 2031 plan are driving the process.

The Health Corridor is the primary home of the NYU Hospital Center, the School of Medicine (which provides many of the physicians for Bellevue Hospital and the VA), and the College of Dentistry. These facilities currently occupy approximately 5.8 million square feet and comprise over 50 buildings. Future growth in this area has been guided by the Health Corridor's Campus Transformation Plan, and major developments are already underway including an expansion of Tisch Hospital, the construction of the Kimmel Pavilion (a new 800,000 square foot clinical facility), a new 300,000 square foot Science building, and an expansion of the Emergency Department.

Another critical new component of the NYU's expansion in the Health Corridor is the redevelopment of the site at 433 1st Ave. Here we are constructing a new 170,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility for NYU's College of Nursing. The building will also provide expanded teaching and research space for the College of Dentistry, and include new research laboratory for a the emerging, university-wide Bioengineering Institute.

Importantly, this building will allow the entire College of Nursing to relocate to the Health Corridor from its current home in Washington Square. By moving the School of Nursing, we are creating opportunities for academic cross-pollination between the health sciences as well as freeing up space at the Washington Square Core Campus to allow for other academic needs. Relocating the College of Nursing to the Health Corridor is a win-win; it strengthens the existing health science disciplines already in the Health Corridor as well as allows for breathing room in the Core for other academic needs. These types of logical, win-win situations are exactly what the NYU2031 plan attempts to achieve.

Anecdotally, and a good example of the type of growth that a university must take into account, is that when the planning for this building was begun, NYU did not have a Bio-engineering Institute as the field was relatively young. However, in keeping with one of the tenets of the NYU 2031 plan, the logical choice was made to include this emerging program within the new building due to its proximity to other health science departments.

It is just this type of emergence and fast paced growth we are planning for with NYU 2031. Certain fields such as science, education, humanities and the arts, we know will continue to grow based on past experience. However, other disciplines, such as Bioengineering, are nascent. At NYU we must plan for

both, and through NYU 2031 we are. This new building is just the first example of how the NYU 2031 plan will guide NYU's growth and allow it to keep pace with its varied academic programs.

I want to thank all of you for your time.

January 4, 2012

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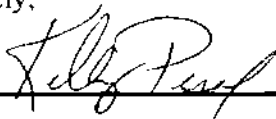
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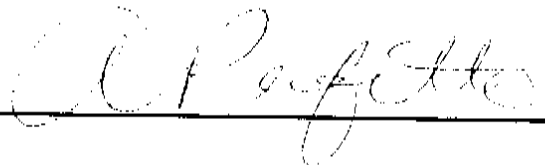
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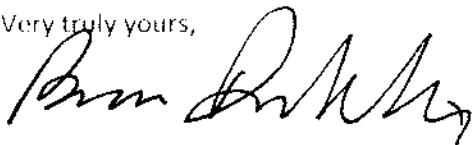
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I just got notice that Sasaki Gardens within Washington Square Village is scheduled to be remodeled into a planned extravagant location in the future. I've been visiting friends and colleagues within this "local" village, within The Village of New York for over a decade and I strongly advocate that these gardens remain as they are, which will be irreplaceable of an historical era.

The existing Gardens have been a relaxing sanctuary for me and many other visiting academics to New York University and the community, and I believe I can speak for many people that the Sasaki Gardens should remain as it has been for over a half a century.

Very truly yours,



Bronson Peshlakai

Testimony of Jen Petersen
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April 25, 2012

I am an alumna of NYU's doctoral program in Sociology, and I support the portion of NYU's 2031 plan under review today, for two linked reasons.

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Such mechanisms are not yet built into the university's plans, but they could be, and it is my sincere hope that NYU's President, its head of University Relations and Public Affairs, and its Academic Provost might come together to openly explore these shared value horizons. This is not the way of begrudged concession, but instead the way to let university expansion spring from the well of creativity and imagination in university departments present and future, as well as all New York City neighborhoods where NYU is present.

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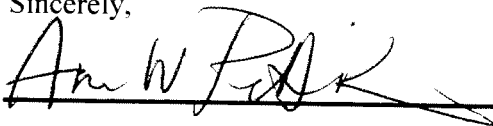
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RE: NYU 2031 ULURP Application

Dear Ms. Burden:

I am extremely upset by the NYU 2031 expansion plan and ask you to oppose the university's efforts of overrun historic Greenwich Village. Here are some of my thoughts on this monster plan that, if allowed, will ruin our beloved neighborhood forever:

* **NYU will destroy several established parks, gardens and playgrounds**, including the lovely, 35-year-old Sasaki Gardens, replacing them with 28-story towers and a 15,000-student thoroughfare

* **NYU will put severe pressure on small, local businesses** with 20-30 retail spaces requested in the expansion project, possibly including second floors of Washington Square Village which are currently residential

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* **NYU is a renowned, terrible steward of public spaces** - Look at the derelict condition of the parks and gardens on Mercer from Houston to Bleecker which they have failed to maintain for years and years and years

* **NYU is an untrustworthy and deceitful neighbor**

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3) **NB:** According to NYU2031 website, the university "...contemplates a limitation of growth in the neighborhood ...but to do so without overwhelming the neighborhood." **NOT TRUE! 2.4 million square feet**

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There is so much more to say, but I trust you get my point. Please support the overwhelming community objection to the NYU 2031 and **deny** NYU 2031 expansion proposal.

Please Vote NO to NYU 2031.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann W. Pettibone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ann W. Pettibone



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Good Afternoon:

My name is Bill Pfeiffer and I have lived in both the east and west village for 19 years and over the last 17 years, I have had the privilege of working within the Office of Civic Engagement at New York University.

Today we've heard a number of people speak about NYU as one of the city's largest employers and one of the nation's leading universities for scholarship and research, but NYU is also a model institution for how through its civic engagement and community service programs, help strengthen and contribute to the larger community.

From year long volunteer commitments, to community-based internships and employment programs, NYU's community engagement is nationally recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching & Curricular Engagement as well as the President's Higher Education Service Honor Roll.

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For example, each and every year we are faced with the challenge of finding classroom, event and training space to hire and train our 950 America Reads/America Counts and Jumpstart tutors who collectively work in over 75 NYC public schools and nonprofit organizations...

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- committee and board meetings
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- as well as graduation ceremonies for scores of NYC elementary and high schools.

So in addition to generating new knowledge, critical research and new technologies, NYU needs more space in it's core area to continue our long tradition of providing the 'human capital' to our beloved schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as to ensure that we properly prepare the next generation of nonprofit, educational and public leaders.

NYU has been an integral member of the village community for close to 200 years and a lifeline to the NYC economy. In order for NYU to remain competitive and to continue to live up to its motto as a "private university in the public service", it desperately needs more space to fulfill its mission – and it deserves the endorsement of it's 2031 plan.

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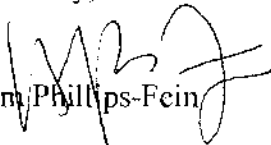
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Please vote absolutely NO -
Thank you

Sincerely,

ANNIE FICHERD

40 EAST 10th Street, 3rd

New York - NY 10003

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729558517 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:54:09 PM

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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729558517 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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From: aejpichard@msn.com (Annie Pichard)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Annie
Last Name: Pichard
Street Address: 40 East 10th Street
Address Number: 3J
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10003
Country: United States
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Last Name: Plutzker
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Address Number: Apt 9P
City: New York
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Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2125297341
Extension: Robert
Email Address: rplutzker@hotmail.com

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April 25, 2012

Dear New York City Planning Commission:

Good afternoon. My name is Dan Point and I am the Program Manager at the Greenwich Village-Chelsea Chamber of Commerce (GVCCC). I am also an alumnus of NYU, having graduated this past May from the university.

I would like to begin by noting that I would not be here today were it not for all that NYU has done for me. Academically, professionally, and personally, NYU has contributed to my development as an adult in a profound way. None of this would have been possible were it not for the facilities located within their Core campus. These facilities, from recording studios to classrooms, theaters, and athletic space, fostered academic and extra-curricular curiosity in every one of my peers over our four years of undergraduate studies.

When I arrived as a freshman, the Steinhardt School was just beginning a massive renovation in their spaces located at 35 W. 4th Street. While these projects - including the construction of the esteemed Dolan Studio - took several years, it was clear that students were benefiting from upgraded facilities very early on. The courses offered to me nearly doubled within my major alone and our department, Music Technology, was able to allow students from other fields to study with us as well.

The point I'm trying to make is that these improvements have a huge impact on students like myself in both the choices they make in college and the directions our lives take. I, like many of my peers, explored other fields of study and eventually settled on policy work rather than music. I then made the decision to remain in this community and to give back by working with civic organizations like the GVCCC. This exploration was only possible at a university like NYU that had both the breadth of academic offerings I needed to explore and also the location to allow me to apply the knowledge I was gaining at internships throughout the year.

Our place as young people and students in the community has been a huge contributor to its character for more than 50 years. Restricting NYU's ability to grow as an institution and offer the same opportunities to young people will be damaging not only to them but the Village as well. NYU has had a profoundly positive impact on my life and dozens of others who could not make it today. I hope you will consider this as you review NYU's proposal.

Respectfully,



Daniel R. Point

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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*Please help us preserve our
treasured land on the Superblocks
on Bleeker Street.*

Sincerely,

Milton E. Polsky

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THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS
Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSHP

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April 18, 2012
Dear Chair Burden,
My wife Riketa and I hope
you can help. We must preserve
the beautiful, prize-winning Sasaki
Garden – see Best, Milton. Trails!

Sincerely,

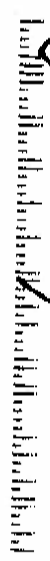
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Milton and Rebecca Paley
Washington Square
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By Honorable Councilor Bunden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Rector Street
New York, NY 10007

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DR. MILTON POLSKY

4 Washington Square North

New York, NY - 10012

May 1,

Dear Chairperson Burdett

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& CPC Members, I urge you

to support your opposition to

The NYU/Sexton 2031 Plan.

It is so wrong for our community

It is so outrageously overdeveloped

adding density and bulk w/ huge

towers, destroying open green

spaces that now provide light, air

& esthetic delight, such as Sasaki

Courder - WSU - We don't need

20 years of a construction site

When NYU/Sexton can find places
to build in areas that do want them.

Why do I and my wife need 20 years

of TOXIC air, noise, pollution for

Bullies & towers will don't need

- Milton Polsky

An Acronym for Our Sasaki Garden in Everlasting Appreciation

Support us in saving our beloved Sasaki Garden-WSV

A vibrant Open Green Space for the public who can sit down
and/or walk through, enjoying

Sights and sounds of melodious birds, fragrant flowers, gorgeous
trees...

And peace and tranquility for WSV residents, Village neighbors,
and City visitors.

Kudos to Hideo Sasaki for designing this unique award-winning
Garden in perfect harmony with its surroundings,

Insatiably esthetic, environmentally sound, a treasure that must
be preserved for all time...

Dr. Milton E. Polsky

Ph.D., NYU

Former NYU Faculty

Resident of WSV

Proud Founder/ Member

Save the Sasaki Garden-

WSV Committee

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

Carlos Ponce

200 Mercer Street, Apt 2B

New York NY 10012

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April 12, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive revised proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan would overwhelm and oversaturate a residential neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate public park space and break the agreements under which NYU was given the formerly public land they now own which prohibits exactly the type of development the university is now proposing.

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April 26, 2012

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to vote 'NO' on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan. This plan takes the wrong approach for the Village, for New York City, and even for NYU.

The plan would turn a residential area into a 20-year construction zone. It would continue to tip the balance of neighborhood character in the Village strongly in the direction of domination by a single institution. It would eliminate much-needed open space in one of the most open space starved communities in New York, and would consign the remaining open space to permanent encasement in shadows by large-scale new construction. It would abrogate the terms under which NYU was given this formerly public land in the first place, which prohibited this kind of development, and would hand more precious public land over to NYU.

The damage would be even greater than this, however. NYU's plan is only supposed to satisfy the university's growth needs for 19 years, until 2031. What will happen after that? By encouraging the university to continue its expansion in the Village rather than pursuing viable alternatives, NYU will inevitably come back in 19 years and ask for more public land, or more zoning protections to be overturned, or a way to shoehorn more new facilities into places they were never intended, to accommodate their continuing growth. The university will continue to swallow up and dominate more and more of this vital historic, low-rise neighborhood.

This is an awful fate you would be approving for the Village. But it's also a lost opportunity not only for New York City, but for NYU. Other locations, easily connected by mass transit to NYU's facilities could accommodate not only the next 19 years of NYU's growth, but the next several decades. The city has identified areas such as the Financial District, Downtown Brooklyn, Long Island City, and Hudson Yards as places where long-term, large scale growth is not only desirable but necessary. Community leaders in many of these areas have said that they would welcome NYU. NYU development in these areas would have greater economic benefits and fewer negative impacts, and by not forcing the university to build deep underground and between existing buildings, could be much greener as well.

The City Planning Commission is supposed to plan for New York City's future. This is not a plan that is good for anyone's future. Say no to this plan, send it back to the drawing board, and work with NYU to find a plan that is sustainable, sensitive, and right for the future of New York City.

Sincerely,

Carlos Ponce
200 Mercer Street, Apt 2B
New York, NY 10012

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January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,



130 Barrow St.

February 6, 2012

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New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely, *Greg Gertman*

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NYU has been dishonest in most things
they have promised - Don't let them further
hurt a great neighborhood - thank you

Sincerely,


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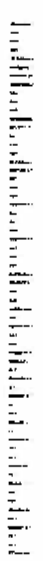
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Mrs. Amanda Borker
Chair City Planning Commission
22 Rector Street
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730707375 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:06 PM

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From: rpotoff@earthlink.net (Reeva Potoff)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Middle Name: Potoff
Last Name: Potoff
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Extension: NY
Email Address: rpotoff@earthlink.net

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February 6, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730272568 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 5:18:42 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 10:42 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730272568 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730272568

DATE RECEIVED: 02/27/2012 10:23:47

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SOURCE: eSRM

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Sent: 02/26/2012 19:58:32

To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: kpowell@gc.cuny.edu (Katharine Powell)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Katharine Powell (kpowell@gc.cuny.edu) on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 19:58:32

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Katharine
Last Name: Powell
Street Address: 66 Grand Street
Address Number: 4
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10013
Country: United States
Email Address: kpowell@gc.cuny.edu

Message: Dear Amanda Burden I urge you to prevent NYUs massive Greenwich Village expansion plan. This proposed development would destroy a unique American historic neighborhood, which I should add draws a lot of tourists and money to NYC. Please do the right thing for our future generation. Katharine Powell

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Rcade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219
e-mail: aburden@planning.nyc.gov

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April 27, 2012

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to vote 'NO' on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan. This plan takes the wrong approach for the Village, for New York City, and even for NYU.

The plan would turn a residential area into a 20-year construction zone. It would continue to tip the balance of neighborhood character in the Village strongly in the direction of domination by a single institution. It would eliminate much-needed open space in one of the most open-space starved communities in New York, and would consign the remaining open space to permanent encasement in shadows by large-scale new construction. It would abrogate the terms under which NYU was given this formerly public land in the first place, which prohibited this kind of development, and would hand more precious public land over to NYU.

The damage would be even greater than this, however. NYU's plan is only supposed to satisfy the university's growth needs for 19 years, until 2031. What will happen after that? By encouraging the university to continue its expansion in the Village rather than pursuing viable alternatives, NYU will inevitably come back in 19 years and ask for more public land, or more zoning protections to be overturned, or a way to shoehorn more new facilities into places they were never intended, to accommodate their continuing growth. The university will continue to swallow up and dominate more and more of this vital historic, low-rise neighborhood.

This is an awful fate you would be approving for the Village. But it's also a lost opportunity not only for New York City, but for NYU. Other locations, easily connected by mass transit to NYU's facilities could accommodate not only the next 19 years of NYU's growth, but the next several decades. The city has identified areas such as the Financial District, Downtown Brooklyn, Long Island City, and Hudson Yards as places where long-term, large scale growth is not only desirable but necessary. Community leaders in many of these areas have said that they would welcome NYU. NYU development in these areas would have greater economic benefits and fewer negative impacts, and by not forcing the university to build deep underground and between existing buildings, could be much greener as well.

The City Planning Commission is supposed to plan for New York City's future. This is not a plan that is good for anyone's future. Say no to this plan, send it back to the drawing board, and work with NYU to find a plan that is sustainable, sensitive, and right for the future of New York City.

Sincerely,

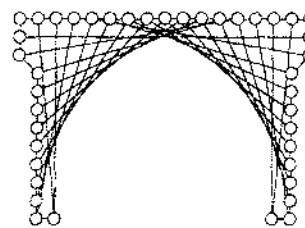


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Michael D. Purugganan

Dorothy Schiff Professor of Genomics

17 April 2012

Chair and Members of the Planning Commission
New York, New York

I have lived in New York City nearly 10 years, and in the past 6 years have lived in Greenwich Village. I am a research scientist at NYU, a member of the faculty of Biology and the associate director for the NYU Center for Genomics and Systems Biology. I want to submit my testimony from my perspective as a working scientist.

The science we do at NYU truly changes the world and helps us face the global challenges we will all face in the coming years. I can tell you personally that scientists at the genome center on Waverly Place, as well as NYU scientists working in groups throughout the Village, work 24 hours, 7 days a week to not only try to unlock the secrets of the universe but to develop new ways to help solve the problems we face today.

Just in the genome and systems biology center, I know of a research group that has helped discover new genes that can be the targets of drugs to reverse cancer. My group is studying the effects of environmental stress on rice plants so we can help breed new varieties that can feed the hungry. A research scientist is studying the genomic basis for aging, while another is attempting to unlock the secrets of the malaria genome and works with scientists from around the world to rid the planet of this health scourge. There is a scientist who has figured out how to use plants to study stem cells, so we can figure out how they work and help develop new therapies for various major human diseases.

Last year, we moved to our new research facility in the Village. This was the first science building NYU had built on over 3 decades. Our work would not have been possible without the ability of NYU to provide high-quality research space to its faculty and scientists.

But even with this, our research space is still too small. Our facility, just over a year old, now houses more than 100 scientists and is now full. We still use overflow space in our old building because we do not have enough space in our new facility to place all the scientists we plan to have.

This is not unique to the genome center. The other laboratory facilities throughout NYU are also cramped and inadequate for us to face the many problems we will confront in the 21st century. There are crowded laboratories that I know of in which scientists work elbow-to-elbow in small quarters trying

to carry out their research. We in the sciences desperately need more space and better space if we are to attract and retain the best scientific minds to work in New York City on the most pressing questions of our time.

Every morning, I enter the genome center here in New York City and I see wondrous things being done. I see work on cancer and aging, studies on helping find solutions to the world's hunger problems, research on effects of climate change, work on possible environmental clean-up solutions and new drug discoveries. For the past 150 years, the New York City and the neighborhood of Greenwich Village has been known as a center for arts and music and literature. I am proud of this legacy, but I also want to see how we in downtown New York can serve as a global center in science, to be a place where people from around the world come to find answers to problems in health, hunger and the environment.

I want the Village to be known as the place where there we do world-class science that will change the world for the better. We need the space to do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Purugganan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

MICHAEL PURUGGANAN
Dorothy Schiff Professor of Genomics

January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,

Barbara Quart

14 WASHINGTON PLACE

N.Y. N.Y. 10003

March 6, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Chair Burden:

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The huge, really unprecedented turnout over the last two months to the many meetings concerning NYU's massive Village expansion plan is an indication of the anguished sense of crisis in our community. We feel that the 2031 proposal from this ever-encroaching university would be destructive of everything we value in our community. NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park - the equivalent of the Empire State Building - would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities. The zoning changes requested would also be disastrous, with no limit to the commercialization it would foster, destroying our neighborhood by turning our streets into a money-making mall, just for the benefit of NYU.

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14 Washington Place
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NICHOLAS QUENNELL

30 EAST 4TH STREET

NEW YORK NY 10003

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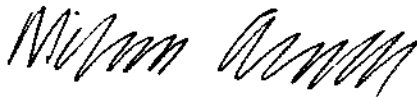
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Thousands of people have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan.

Given this extraordinary level of concern about this plan, I urge you to hold a public hearing before issuing your recommendation on the plan. I believe it would be helpful to hear directly from people about their concerns.

Regardless, I urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan in its current form.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Quennell

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Nicholas Quennell
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New York NY 10003

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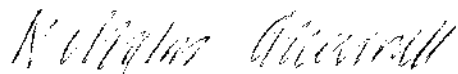
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Sincerely,

Samantha Quinn

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Pamela Raab

3 Washington Sq. Vlg. #6I

New York NY 10012

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729838862 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:47:41 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 3:01 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729838862 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-729838862

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: rackow@juno.com (Sylvia Rackow)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Sylvia Rackow (rackow@juno.com) on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 14:59:18

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Sylvia
Last Name: Rackow
Company: Committee to Preserve Our Neighborhood
Street Address: 505 Laguardia Place
Address Number: 5C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 673 2001
Email Address: rackow@juno.com

Message: Dear Mrs. Burden:My family, my neighbors and I request that you reject the NYU 2031 ULURP which seeks to add 2.5 million sq ft from W 3rd St to Houston (a 2 block area)and change our zoning from residential R-1 to Commercial C1-7. It is inappropriate for our historic Greenwich Village. It will create major congestion,traffic and parking problems,usurp public land strips,displace childrens playgrounds,and will overwhelm our community during its nearly 20 years of construction. Please REJECT THE NYU 2031 ULURP PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY. THANK YOU.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-734111483 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:53:02 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:17 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-734111483 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions

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From: Rackow@juno.com (Sylvia Rackow)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Sylvia
Last Name: Rackow
Company: Committee to Preserve our Neighborhood
Street Address: 505 Laguardia Place
Address Number: 5C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 673 2001
Email Address: Rackow@juno.com

Message: We would like you to reject the NYU 2031 ULURP Proposal. Our public lands on Mercer and on Laguardia should not be given to them. The zoning of W.3rd St to Houston/Mercer to Laguardia should remain residential and not be changed to commercial. We do not need another hotel. Your greeting indicates you care for neighborhoods. Please save our Village community from this overly ambitious, monstrous building plan which will create havoc for nearly 20 years.Thank you.

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-745093296 Message to Agency Head, DCP - ULURP Project Status Questions
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012 11:03:22 PM

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From: RACKOW@JUNO.COM (SYLVIA RACKOW)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments

Topic: ULURP Project Status Questions

Contact Info: Yes

M/M: Mrs.

First Name: SYLVIA

Middle Name: F

Last Name: RACKOW

Company: COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Street Address: 505 LAGUARDIA PLACE

Address Number: 5C

City: NEW YORK

State: NY

Postal Code: 10012

Country: United States

Work Phone #: 212-673-2001

Email Address: RACKOW@JUNO.COM

Message: DEAR MRS BURDEN:ID LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR KIND ATTENTION TO MY PRESENTATION ON WEDNESDAY RE: NYU2031 ULURP. ID ALSO LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OP ED IN TODAYS NEW YORK TIMES (MARCH 26) BY 3 NYU PROFESSORS ENTITLED: EXPAND MINDS, NOT THE NYU CAMPUS WHICH INDICATES THE 20 NYU DEPARTMENTS THAT VOTED AGAINST THE NYU 2031 ULURP AND MANY REASONS TO REJECT THE ULURP.THANK YOU.SYLVIA RACKOW

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Please support our community!

Sincerely,

Sylvia v Paul Rackon

505 LaGuardia Place - 5C

NYC NY 10012

Testimony April 25, 2012- Dept of City Planning:

Dear Chair Burden and distinguished city planning members:

My family and I are long time residents of Greenwich Village. We cherish the many historic, cultural institutions in our neighborhood and bear no ill will toward New York University. However, the extraordinarily massive NYU 2031 ULURP expansion plan, while revised, certainly is far too extensive for our 2 block neighborhood to co-exist with. That, plus the 20 year construction period will mean, for many of us, the rest of our lifetime covered with dust, foul air, construction noise, excessive traffic and the often occurring accidents of construction projects. Therefore, my family and I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's still massive revised proposed expansion plan in the Village.

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We shall be attending your public hearing on April 25th and wish to testify. How do we sign up to do so.

Thank you.

Sylvia & Paul Rackow
The Committee to Preserve Our Neighborhood
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I am 92 years old and I know how very much park availability and open space have contributed to my health, sense of comfort and aesthetic stimulation. I want my children and grandchildren to experience the same! Don't let NYU ruin our lives!! They have other options to expand elsewhere. Do we need a hotel on that beautiful land??
NO!
Sincerely, Elinor G. Rabner 51 Fifth Ave
301D NYC, NY 10003

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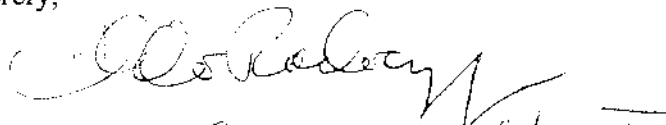
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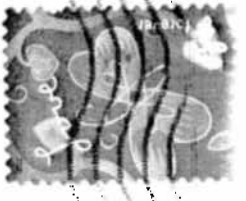
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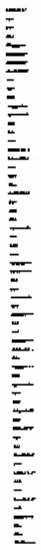
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The diversity of Greenwich Village is the attraction and uniqueness of this area. That diversity and uniqueness would be destroyed and be replaced with blandness and mall like sameness.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ragno + Barbara Young Ragno

Shirley Barbara Boyer
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Chair, City Planning Commission
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MAY 8 - 2012

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Opposed to NYU Core Expansion Project
ULURP Application #: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

I ask the City Planning Commission to vote NO on the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

Greenwich Village is a historic residential neighborhood. I am concerned that NYU's enormous plan to change the existing zoning will add inappropriate, huge buildings that will dominate over our neighborhood's existing low- to mid-rise nature and change the character of this long-established and beloved area.

As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association (BAMRA), I am concerned that another change that NYU 2031 would bring are the types of retail attracted to all the new commercial space, especially bars. Noise is one of our biggest problems, and the 10 to 12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and more bars open until late at night will greatly reduce our quality of life.

Please deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks, build approximately two million square feet, take over public land for their own use, and remove existing deed restrictions.

I am not asking NYU not to grow, though simply applying more stringent standards to allow only higher-performing freshmen is certainly one way to make NYU a higher-quality educational institution. But NYU can grow in many other places where exactly the type of building NYU seeks would be better for NYC yet would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Downtown Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx where NYU had a prior campus, and many other locations have all been suggested, and the public officials there would welcome the development that we cannot absorb.

Please vote NO on the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

Sincerely,

Dana M. Ragsdale
(DANA M. RAGSDALE)

177 Thompson St. - # 21

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
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Middle Name: Mr
Last Name: Ramsdell
Company: na
Street Address: 26 King St 13 New York
Address Number: 13
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 645-8923
Email Address: dugsdale@verizon.net

Message: As a 40-year Village resident, I am tired of NYU gutting my neighborhood. I want it to stop.I am tired of city officials caving in to NYUs vision of Empire. I want that to stop too.Who says NYU needs to grow, AT ALL? I find it incomprehensible that for so long, New York Citys officials have served as little more than bobbleheads to NYUs ruinous, and calamitous (for the Village) growth obsession.I urge you, now, to stop it once and for all. My neighborhood has been devastated too much already.Please, make them stop.Sincerely,Doug RamsdellKing StreetNY NY

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April 5, 2012

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Chair Burden:

As a longtime Village resident who has seen more damage to my neighborhood than I can stomach any longer, courtesy of NYU and its heedless, ever-rapacious expansion plans, I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

The truth is, NYU is a corporatist, public-be-damned entity that feeds on the Village the way opportunistic bacteria feed on healthy protein. NYU, simply, must be stopped, since (like opportunistic bacteria) it does not know the meaning of the word, "enough." Like opportunistic bacteria, the more you give it, the more it wants. And also like opportunistic bacteria, NYU doesn't care if it destrnys its host—in fact, it's part of the design.

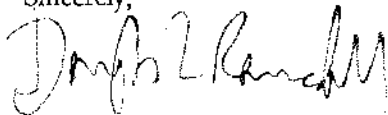
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April 30, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Chair Burden:

It is time to put a stop to NYU's unceasing, unslakeable, rapacious and heedless thirst for "growth."

Here's a news flash: Just because NYU "thinks" it needs to grow, does not mean it MUST. Especially when NYU's "growth" means the destruction of our community.

How big is "enough"? Does NYU know how to say "enough"? And, if they don't (as seems to be the case), will YOU have the courage to say "enough" to them, on behalf of our community?

We in the Village have been putting up with NYU's growth mania for decades. Given perfectly reasonable alternatives (lower Manhattan is literally begging NYU to come and grow THERE), NYU prefers instead to destroy my home and my neighborhood.

Will you have the courage to make them stop, at long last?

I strongly urge you to vote 'NO' on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan. This plan takes the wrong approach for the Village, for New York City, and even for NYU.

The plan would turn my community into a 20-year construction zone. It would continue to tip the balance of neighborhood character in the Village strongly in the direction of domination by a single institution. It would eliminate much-needed open space in one of the most open-space starved communities in New York, and would consign the remaining open space to permanent encasement in shadows by large-scale new construction. It would abrogate the terms under which NYU was given this formerly public land in the first place, which prohibited this kind of development, and would hand more precious public land over to NYU.

The university will continue to swallow up and dominate more and more of this vital historic, low-rise neighborhood.

This is an awful fate you would be approving for the Village. But it's also a lost opportunity not only for New York City, but for NYU.

The City Planning Commission is supposed to plan for New York City's future. This is not a plan that is good for anyone's future. Say no to this plan, send it back to the drawing board, and work with NYU to find a plan that is sustainable, sensitive, and right for the future of New York City.

Sincerely,



Doug Ramsdell

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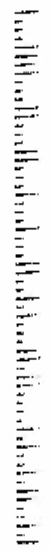
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Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners,

As a member of the NYU Tisch School of the Arts faculty, I would like to stress to the Board the very real need for increased and improved academic space in order for us to continue to serve our students and remain competitive as a school. I share many of the concerns of my fellow faculty members with regard to assuring that the NYU 2031 Master Plan is developed with sensitivity to the needs of our community, respect for open and recreational space, and assurances that the plan contributes to the life of Greenwich Village as well as the university.

As a member of the Department of Design for Stage and Film, I can tell you that for us, the space issue has reached critical mass. The Tisch school has had a 300% increase in our student population but a 0% increase in space. I would say that for us in Design, and I think I can also speak for Graduate Acting as well as the Dance Department in this regard, we have actually lost space.

Every year the Design Department costume shop makes/rents/purchases/uses from stock almost 700 costumes. We once had 650 square feet of costume storage. We now have less than 400 square feet. We are always working on at least two and sometimes four or five productions simultaneously. I teach class in our costume shop at the same time our staff is also working on these productions, which is confusing and chaotic. If our students are working on a class film project we have to have them store their costumes in the basement, as there is absolutely not enough rack space for everything when we are full tilt on 4 shows at once.

It is not just that we lack adequate space, but that the space we have is not serving the educational needs and goals of our program. With space that is designed to suit the curriculum, we could introduce craft, wig, hair, and makeup areas for the student designers working on production. Our storage areas would be more efficient. Our shop space could be dedicated work space. We could conduct classes in a separate lab that was well equipped with both the tools they need and access to our research and study collections of books, fabrics, antique garments and photos. I could go on and on with more specific examples but I am sure you see my point.

The technological needs of other areas of our department, with regard to scenic and lighting design, is woefully behind the times and completely inadequate for training 21st Century designers. Our chair, Susan Hilferty, could elaborate on all of this more thoroughly than I.

Currently we have, in my opinion, the best theater design department in the country. Our faculty is outstanding and we have always been able to attract the best students in our field. But our facilities are not keeping up with their needs, and we will not retain this superior status indefinitely without a serious improvement in our resources. Dean Campbell has been a tireless champion for us, both within and beyond the university. This plan as I see it, still needs work, and input from the constituents involved will create a better plan in the long run. But as you contemplate NYU 2031, and even as we respect the needs of the community at large and the NYU community, I hope we will also keep paramount in our minds how Tisch will equip itself to train our future generations of artists and scholars.

Thank you on behalf of our students for your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,



Maggie Raywood
NYU TSOA Department of Design for Stage and Film
Associate Arts Professor/Costume Director

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JAN 31 2012

January 4, 2012

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Peter Rea, 110 Bleeker St. NYC. 10012

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January 4, 2012

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Sincerely, Thank you for your consideration.

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Before the New York City Planning Commission
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April 25, 2012

Chairman Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to present some compelling academic needs that faculty members in the Biology department have encountered. These limitations in the current physical plant support the profound need for expanded academic space at NYU.

1. Classrooms:

Undergraduate students who are interested in becoming doctors, dentists, veterinarians, and other allied health professions are required by their post-graduate schools, to take one year-long course, Principles of Biology, offered by the Biology department regardless of whether they are science majors or plan to major in a Humanities or Social Science department. This course is one of five required courses for the Pre-Med track at any university. The enrollment in the last few years has doubled from ~400 to now more than 800 students.

This surge in student registration has taxed the university to provide large classrooms for the lectures. Because NYU does not have many large classrooms, and many other departments also have large classes for introductory courses. We offer two (duplicate) sequential sections for students each, to accommodate the lecture portion of the course. Therefore, tenured or tenure track professors responsible for Principles of Biology are not available to teach other courses, since they are doing double duty for the Principles of Biology class.

A weekly lab session is also required for each student enrolled in Principles of Biology. Teaching laboratory space is extremely limited, since each student must have a desk/bench area and only twenty students are in each "section". To accommodate the demand, laboratory sessions are offered from early morning until early evening, 5 days a week and several hours on Saturdays. Last year, a third teaching lab became available, eliminating the late night sessions (to 11pm). *If these students were your children, I suspect that you would prefer for them to have labs finished much earlier in the evening.*

Other undergraduate classes offered by the Biology department are computational in nature and require dedicated teaching computer or super-computer labs; these computational courses reflect the growing areas of Biology which analyze information derived from clinical or basic science studies (including Genomics and Systems Biology studies) which are based on enormous datasets. These courses have a very limited potential enrollment (generally fewer than 25 students) given the infrastructure

requirements and intense pedagogy involved. Our ability to offer these highly demanding computational courses does not meet the student requests to participate. For instance, Biostatistics always has waiting lists that exceed the class-size by dozens of undergraduates.

For graduate courses, the majority of M.S. students enrolled work full-time in hospitals or laboratories in the greater NYC area. They take classes either at 8AM or in the late afternoon and evening. The late day slots are also times of high demand for classrooms because many other departments offer courses at these times for students who have day jobs.

It is difficult for the registrar to block out space for lectures, seminars and computational labs for our graduate students because of space and specialized facilities limitations.

2. Teaching Laboratory Space

The Biology Department teaching labs are currently limited to the 6th floor of Silver Center. In addition to the Biology teaching labs, this floor also has a teaching lab for the Neural Science department and general teaching classrooms in the wing that spans Silver Center and Waverly Building.

The current space on the 6th floor is used to capacity, and will be insufficient to realize the growing demand. The Biology Department's teaching-lab space will need to expand to meet the increasing enrollment in our Principles of Biology course, as well as our lab-based courses that fulfill the requirements of our majors as they pursue various professional schools and career goals. The teaching space has been divided into six lab spaces for all our biology courses, office spaces that are shared by seven clinical professors, a prep room that also serves double duty as an office space, and three support rooms to house shared and support equipment necessary for the teaching labs. As detailed below, these rooms have reached maximum usage.

During the academic year, all six of our teaching labs (rooms 603, 604, 606, 607, 609, and 610) are used extensively throughout the week and by multiple courses and sections. Depending on what courses are taught in these teaching labs and the availability of equipment, they can accommodate 12–20 students per teaching lab. We have three dedicated Principles of Biology labs (rooms 603, 604, and 606) that serve the >800 students in this course. These three teaching labs are in use Monday through Friday, morning through early evening. Our upper-level Biology courses are supported by the other three teaching labs (rooms 607, 609, and 610). Each of these labs is also used throughout the week, morning to late afternoon and in some cases going to early evening.

For any new courses with laboratories to be introduced by the department, it will require that such labs, which are generally 2–3 hours long (for undergraduates, but significantly longer for graduate students), be scheduled into the evenings, which is not ideal from a safety point of view, as well as the staffing that may be required. It is our goal

that all Biology majors have one semester of an intensive laboratory course; some students do research in internal Research Laboratories or in the labs of medical schools in the greater NYC area. Any Biology major who wishes to graduate with Departmental Honors must have a research-based thesis, requiring years of research effort.

The Biology Department is in need of an expansion of our teaching labs. There are a number of priorities that are forcing the department to focus on our teaching space:

Many of NYU's students enter with an interest in pre-med or one of several other pre-health tracks. These tracks require that students take specific courses and labs. This also coincides with the changes that are taking place for medical school requirements and preparation for the MCAT's.

The Biology Department aims to provide a diverse selection of courses that will give our majors the quantitative, reasoning, and application skills needed to be a scientist. Indeed, virtually all Biology majors take the Principles of Biology course and all are required to take at least one lab-based course.

The Biology Department aims to provide upper-level students with direct and meaningful interaction with their professors. The lab-based elective courses, which are by their nature small and highly interactive, are an essential component of meeting this goal.

To maintain the quality of our Biology curriculum, it is important that the University plan for the eventual expansion of the Biology teaching labs.

3. Space for meetings and conferences:

It is routinely difficult to reserve rooms of any size for meetings and for conferences. Often plans need to be made as much as a year in advance for some venues. Classes get priority in all bookings. Even the Skirball center's Off Broadway theater is used daily for undergraduate courses of large enrollment.

This academic year, I was part of a working group of a committee organized by the Provost. To find a space that could accommodate 75 people for a day and a half of meetings, with food on tables in the corridor, we had to travel off campus, to the mid-town area. The program we were organizing will be based in Downtown Brooklyn and will be a cutting edge technology and science center to train the innovators of the future. But, the Core campus did not have a venue where we could brainstorm.

One consequence of the extreme shortage of facilities for conferences is we plan them in other cities or at other universities. *There is an economic cost to New York City in hotel rooms booked and restaurant meals not purchased locally.*

4. Space in the Core versus more distant areas:

It is desirable to have faculty and departmental offices, classrooms, laboratories, and rehearsal spaces in the Core neighborhood. To be able to walk several blocks in ten minutes from one class or other obligation to another enables effective use of time; in contrast, walking from the WTC neighborhood would add more than a half-hour and traveling by subway from MetroTech could easily take longer than a half-hour.

Only 10-15 minutes are scheduled between classes for students and faculty to circulate to the next commitment. Downtown Manhattan (Community Board #1) or Downtown Brooklyn/ MetroTech would not be suitable locations for these educational facilities for Core-based programs.

Lounges, study areas, library resources, and student computer work areas are also essential in the Core. They help to facilitate community among the students, especially the commuting students, which constitute a significant plurality population.

Residential space including dormitories and faculty housing, gymnasium(s), and administrative support offices can easily be located at a reasonable distance from the Core campus and still be functionally accessible.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these brief remarks in support of the New York University Core Project, termed the NYU 2031 Plan. I hope that you will consider the profound needs we currently have and anticipate.



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We trust your deliberations and conclusions will receive the same care and quality of judgment.

Please find attached above a brief history of the beautiful public Sasaki Garden which is located in the inner courtyard of the Washington Square Village apartment complex.

Please also click on the link below to view Hubert J. Steed's, our resident photographer's, glorious gallery, pbase.com/hjsteed/wsv_gardens which celebrates the rich splendors of this legacy Sasaki Garden in every season.

NYU Plan 2031 requires the elimination and destruction of this beautiful Sasaki Garden with its blooming trees , its flowering plants in all the colors of the rainbow and its air filled with enchanting fragrances while birds sing their favorite songs . And to think all this magic happens in a mere 1.5 acres to the delight of Greenwich Village and all its visitors.

The Sasaki Garden is a sheer joy to all who seek her treasures and it is open to all !

Please accept this as our invitation to provide each of you with a personal tour of our cherished Sasaki Garden so

you can better visualize firsthand the destruction and devastation NYU'S large scale development plan would cause to residents and storekeepers of Greenwich Village, NYU professors and NYU students and visitors alike if the NYU Plan 2031 were to become a reality.

NYU, by proposing its Plan 2031 shows no respect for the Greenwich Village community in which it lives nor for Greenwich Village's history, beauty, culture nor its people.

NYU , the corporation, the real estate entity etc., is on a search and destroy mission with absolutely no regard for the costs and hardship NYU's Plan 2031 will inflict on the surrounding neighborhoods and its people. NYU, the corporation, cares about no one and nothing. NYU is only intent on filling its own coffers with huge amounts of cash.

We, the people, believe to the contrary that NYU's Plan 2031 will put NYU in great financial debt. NYU will then pass this huge debt on to their students, thus burying their students in even greater debt. This downward financial spiral will drag down Greenwich Village next, the neighboring communities thereafter and eventually N.Y.C.

NYU is motivated by an insatiable appetite and greed at all costs with reckless disregard for its students, its faculty and the greater good of the NYC community.

NYU Plan 2031 smacks of cronyism and deceit. NYU, has lost its moral compass and is trying to defraud New York City and its citizens of its property and its rights.

We, the people, with the Commissioners of the Department of City Planning , should not and cannot allow NYU to overrun our beloved Sasaki Garden and our much loved Greenwich Village. The dangerous fault line caused by NYU's Plan 2031 with its application to be permitted to do large scale development in a predominately residential area is a terrible idea and its effects will be disastrous. In addition if NYU's application is approved other large entities with deep pockets will soon be loudly knocking at your door seeking the big bucks that come with big projects and again the people will stand to lose everything. This faultline will continue to spread, widen and deepen as it crosses N.Y.C. causing destruction and havoc wherever it goes.

NYU Plan 2031's overwhelming, non- contextual design includes two towering boomerang high-rise buildings, concrete plazas which more appropriately should be labeled concrete thoroughfares on which 10,000 to 12,000 additional NYU students will be rushing daily. Added to this mix will be additional unnecessary and unbearable living conditions that 20 years of construction will bring such as :

safety hazards ,traffic congestion, noise, environmental and medical problems etc., etc. etc.

The people of NYC, their children , the students , the professors, the store owners , the workers and all who visit N.Y.C. deserve more.

We all need to work together to protect and preserve for generations to come our beautiful green spaces, flowering gardens and the beauty, the charm and the history of Greenwich Village.

We cannot let the Sasaki Garden nor Greenwich Village nor New York City and its people be devoured and destroyed by a self absorbed and self-centered entity such as NYU.

We ,the community, ask you, Commissioner Burden, and your fellow Commissioners to vote :

“ NO to NYU’s Plan 2031 “ in its entirety for all the right reasons” .

NYU’s Plan 2031 does not belong in Greenwich Village.

“It is bad for Greenwich Village !

It is bad for NYC !

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The Sasaki Garden at Washington Square Village was designed by a foremost leading modernist landscape architect, Hideo Sasaki. Hideo Sasaki studied at the University of California, Berkeley in the 1940s prior to being interred at the Poston War Relocation Center during World War II.

After the war, Sasaki completed his landscape architecture studies at the University of Illinois and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Sasaki was the Chairman of Harvard GSD from 1958 to 1968.

Sasaki, Walker and Associates designed the Sasaki Garden at WSV which was completed in 1959. The Sasaki firm was recommended to Paul Lester Weiner, the project architect of the WSV apartment complex, by Professor Josep Lluís Sert of the Harvard Graduate School, who like Weiner had worked with and for Le Corbusier on past projects.

The WSV complex is said to be designed in the Le Corbusier style.

Hideo Sasaki's partner on the WSV Sasaki Garden project was Peter Walker of Peter Walker Partners, the landscape architecture firm that designed the World Trade Center (WTC) 911 Memorial.

The WSV Sasaki garden was **“one of the first rooftop gardens covering a parking garage in the country”**. The Sasaki garden is **1.5 acres**. It has been described as **“an excellent example of a successful integration of landscape and hardscape in an urban setting”** by The Cultural Landscape Foundation.

Hideo Sasaki died in 2000. The Sasaki Garden at Washington Square Village was referenced in the obituaries in the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*. In the latter publication, the **Garden was described among three “landmark urban spaces”** (the other two are Boston's Copley Square and the St. Louis Gateway Mall). Hideo Sasaki also designed the walkway leading up to JFK's burial site in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Cultural Landscape Foundation has listed the Sasaki Garden at Washington Square Village as “at risk”. In April 2011, the entire WSV complex was **deemed significant enough to “qualify for possible listing in the State and National Register of Historic Places”** which requires SHPO review before state or federal funding can be used on the project.

Stop NYU Plan 2031!

Save Greenwich Village from being destroyed!

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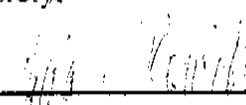
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I am Richard L. Revesz, Dean and Lawrence King Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. In addition to serving as dean for 10 years, I have been a member of the faculty for 27 years. Greenwich Village has also been my home for 27 years. Today I am here to speak in support of NYU 2031, the University's strategic framework for growth. The University has engaged in a thoughtful process for planning for its long-term growth, both in Greenwich Village and beyond, and I want to specifically address the Law School's growth needs over time, and more generally explain why creating a cohesive campus is so important to the success of an academic institution.

Since its founding in 1835, the Law School has been focused on the future, priding itself on its entrepreneurial spirit and legacy of inclusiveness. It has long been ahead of its time as the first to admit women in 1890; the first to offer scholarships to working- and middle-class candidates; and among the earliest to welcome Jewish and African-American students who were barred from other schools. From two floors of a factory building, the Law School evolved into Dean Arthur Vanderbilt's conception of a law center, created "to mold our law to the needs of the times, assuring... a government of law and not of men, and above all individual liberty." Vanderbilt oversaw the construction of a building on the southwest corner of Washington Square Park, but contributed more than just bricks-and-mortar to this vision: He developed programs to attract students and faculty from around the nation—and later the world—thus placing NYU Law squarely at the forefront of legal education.

Since Vanderbilt Hall was completed in 1950, the Law School has continued to innovate in response to student needs and the changing dynamics of the legal profession. Our Lawyering and Clinical and Advocacy Programs, interdisciplinary colloquia, and early recognition that law has an increasingly global dimension to which all students should be exposed in the classroom, have all served as models for other law schools. And we have

built a faculty that combines breadth and depth in numerous overlapping fields, and who engage in constant exchange with students, each other, and the public to produce a dynamic intellectual community.

I credit my predecessor, NYU President John Sexton, with truly placing the Law School on the map, which he is now doing for the University, with enormous benefits for New York City. One of the characteristics that makes the Law School distinctive and gives us a significant competitive edge over our peer schools is our location in the Greenwich Village neighborhood. Its unique character is a quality we value, and a factor we balance with great sensitivity in any plan to grow. Although mindful of the integrity of the area and our symbiotic relationship with the community, we also recognize the importance of a consolidated campus to creating strong intellectual links among faculty colleagues and the student population.

Our ability to recruit exceptional faculty is critical to our success, and a priority that I identified early in my deanship. Since 2002, NYU Law has significantly increased the size of its full-time faculty, appointing 44 new professors who are either leaders in their fields or among the most promising young academics in the country. More than merely increasing the faculty's size by 31%, and its diversity, these additions have expanded the breadth and depth of its scholarly interests. Scholars who have joined the Law School over the past ten years conduct research in, among many other areas, international law, the law of democracy, immigration law, civil procedure, criminal law, labor law, tax law, local government law, administrative law, securities regulation, and intellectual property law. Beyond their areas of substantive expertise, recent additions to the faculty have also brought expertise in interdisciplinary fields, such as empirical legal studies, legal history, law and the humanities, law and economics, law and society, and law and philosophy, an increasingly important element of legal education.

An institution is only as strong as its people, and therefore a large part of any dean's job is recruiting not only the brightest faculty, but the best students. I am convinced that large schools have an advantage, and to be a leading law school requires sufficient scale to support a faculty with expertise across the legal areas I described above; to offer a wide variety of specialized courses beyond the foundational subjects; to teach small sections of lawyering, where students learn how to interpret and practice law, interact with clients, and collaborate effectively to solve problems; to house a robust set of clinics where students develop litigation experience as well as mediation, legislative, regulatory, and advocacy skills; and to provide other opportunities for interdisciplinary learning. As the profession has changed, employers are demanding students graduate with more significant practical experience, requiring schools to offer students a greater range of opportunities to do meaningful professional work during law school. As a result, we need a large administrative infrastructure to support career services, academic registration and advising, student counseling, and for a school as deeply committed to public interest law and global legal education as NYU, dedicated offices to coordinate those efforts. We have therefore needed to expand our campus gradually over time to provide crucial physical space for all of our intellectual endeavors.

Shortly after 9/11, the Law School broke ground on Furman Hall, the first construction project begun in Manhattan following the terrorist attacks and the first new academic building at NYU Law in more than 50 years. The new building, located on West Third Street between Sullivan and Thompson Streets, opened in January 2004, providing much needed classroom space and offices for our clinical and lawyering faculty, who had previously worked off-campus. Furman Hall also provided space for our many student services offices, as well as three floors of apartments for faculty and their families. Furman Hall connects to Vanderbilt Hall through the library, part of which is under Sullivan Street, and that contiguity has made an enormous difference in not only the program of education we provide, but the interactions among our students, faculty, and administrators.

Dean Vanderbilt's original vision provided the foundation for NYU Law's signature centers, and today we house more than twenty that bring prominent public figures and policy makers to the Law School to engage in important dialogue with the legal academy. During the last decade, the Law School has established eleven new centers and institutes—interdisciplinary ventures that link the important research and scholarly projects of the faculty to the real world of policy, shaping the public discourse surrounding issues such as national and international security in the post 9/11 environment; land use, real estate, housing and urban affairs; and civil liberties and human rights. Most importantly, the centers and institutes provide important venues in which faculty members, students, and professional researchers can work together on salient legal issues with important public policy implications.

By 2007, the centers and institutes had outgrown the space they occupied in our residence hall. The number of research staff had grown by 30% over the past five years, and we needed a long-term solution for space. We knew it was critical that the centers remain on campus since they rely on the synergies between faculty, research fellows, and students for their success. In addition, the Law School has been shifting its academic programming to a more graduate school model in order to enhance our recruitment of top students. As part of this effort, we had created a number of specialized fellowship programs designed to support research scholars who intend to pursue careers in academia, government, and the public sector. We were already providing space to 40 fellows and scholars, and had a projected growth rate of approximately 20% over the next decade. Again, the programs' success depends on space on campus that facilitates collegiality and academic exchange and allows for easy access to the law library.

Recognizing the need to expand our footprint, we identified a building we owned at 139 MacDougal Street as an opportunity to gain much-needed space for our many centers, institutes, and academic fellowship programs. We agreed to leave valuable floor area ratio (FAR) on the table in order to accommodate the concerns of the community, and instead negotiated with the University to purchase a 5-story commercial townhouse located on the north side of Washington Square North between MacDougal Street and Fifth Avenue. We opened 22 Washington Square North in Fall 2009, and Wilf Hall in 2010, and both buildings are already at capacity. Wilf Hall, which recently attained a LEED Platinum Standard rating from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, remains the home of Provincetown Playhouse, which continues to operate as a working

theatre run by the NYU Steinhardt School of Education. Wilf Hall is today a vibrant community of scholars as envisioned. I teach a clinic there every week on administrative and regulatory law, and work closely with a team of students who are gaining valuable skills and experience.

I remain convinced that to be a top-tier institution requires a sufficiently large scale to support rich and diverse educational opportunities. During the past year, I have also worked on a proposal for a new NYU Institute for Cities, the Environment, and Sustainability. This University-wide initiative would bring together faculty, research centers, and undergraduate and graduate students to facilitate new research on the interconnected challenges facing the future of cities and foster rigorous, interdisciplinary research and teaching. I am convinced that for this new initiative to succeed, it will need space on NYU's main campus to foster collaboration among faculty and students and to attract the leading scholars and thinkers to participate in its work on urban sustainable development.

In conclusion, it is important to our academic mission that our faculty members are accessible to our students and have ample opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with each other and with the community. This requires us to be forward-looking about our needs, and I strongly support the University's efforts to engage in a transparent and interactive dialogue with the community and the City about its plans. While the Law School will continue to be creative in looking for ways to provide a first-class legal education without requiring additional physical space, the reality is that a certain amount of growth is necessary. There has been significant research about the benefits of face-to-face interaction, which have grown rather than diminished in our more technologically connected world. I am convinced that the advantages of collaboration are even more important in an academic environment, which is why sound, sustainable plans for growth on NYU's campus remain a critical priority.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Revesz

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Dear Ms. Burden,

I'm writing this letter to you concerning the NYU 2031 expansion plan. I live at 300 Mercer St. and I am a member of the Laguardia Corner Gardens. The NYU plan would add four enormous new towers up to 300 feet tall; destroy hundreds of trees; eliminate beautiful open green space; bring 20 years (or more) of construction and compromised air quality to the community and greatly reduce sunlight by casting permanent shadows in the neighborhood.

NYU promises to improve the area and claims to consider the needs of the community in it's plan but all of us know that this is a fabrication and that the quality of life would be horribly affected for at least 20 years for those of us living and working in the area. Not only would I be living on a construction site for the rest of my life, but the garden that I have nurtured and loved for many years would be destroyed. This garden is a refuge for so many residents and visitors to the city. Thousands of people of all ages pass through the gate to stroll the paths of the garden and experience the balance of the vitality and excitement of New York City with an absolutely beautiful, quiet, nature filled environment. The variety of flowering plants, butterflies and migrating birds bring joy to all who pass by. Over 20 years of labor and love have gone into creating this oases which NYU had originally claimed to spare but could be destroyed but the years of construction and the eventual lack of light. Our garden and all DOT strips must be preserved and transferred to Parks.

The negative impact on our historic, destination neighborhood can never be reversed.
PLEASE, PLEASE OPPOSE THIS PLAN.

The community is unified in their opposition to this plan. We need your support now.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ellen Reznick
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January 4, 2012

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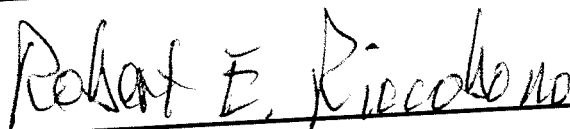
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April 24, 2012

Ms. Amanda Burden
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Dear Chair and Commissioners,


As a Clinical Professor in the NYU College of Nursing (NYUCN), I write in support of the NYU 2031 Plan. I have been a faculty member for the past 15 years and during this time I have witnessed the growth of the University as an outstanding global university. It is essential that we maintain that growth trajectory in order to position NYU as a preeminent research intensive university.

The NYU College of Nursing is proud to be a professional school and academic unit of the University. NYUCN is playing an important role in freeing up a significant amount of academic space at Washington Square by virtue of our move to the Health Science Corridor on First Avenue in 2015. This will be the new home of the College of Nursing.

While it is our pleasure to make this move, we know that it will not begin to meet the renovation and expansion needs of the University. As such, the incremental and strategic NYU 2031 Plan is an important roadmap for future development of a premier academic institution.

I urge you to support this plan which will contribute to both a thriving university, and a robust neighborhood. Both will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the incremental unfolding of the NYC 2031 Plan.

Sincerely,



Hila Richardson, RN, DrPH, FAAN
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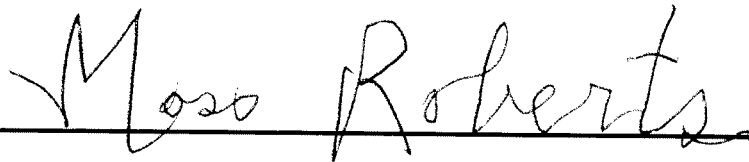
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Daniel Rosenblatt, Marie-J. Robert

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Middle Name: A
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There must be a balance of different kinds of people in a neighborhood for it to remain healthy and vital! Do not permit this area to become overrun with students. You will kill its potential AND vitality.

Sincerely,

*Josun S. Rosenthal
39 Bond St.
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10012*

a voter!

January 4, 2012

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Andrew Ross

165 Hudson St

ny ny 10013

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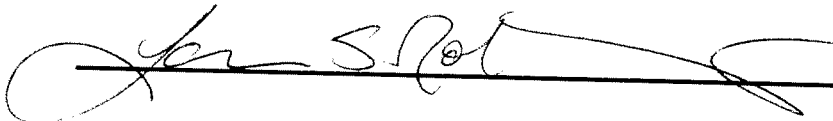
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Laurie S. Rothenberg

77 Bleeker St, NY NY 10012

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I have lived in the Village for over 40 years and have found NYU to be a neighbor without the Neighborhood's Best interest in mind. PLEASE REJECT THEIR PLAN

Sincerely,

J. D. Gray Rowland

79 Thompson St #4

NYC NY 10012

Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please VOTE NO for the NYU 2031 expansion plans.

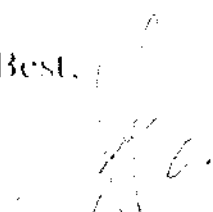
Our families need green areas and trees in the village NO MORE BUILDINGS, no more students being loud disrupting the residential life in the village.

We need your support to say NO.

The area cannot sustain the amount of people these new buildings will look to host, there are no services for them. IT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE.

We appreciate your support.

Best,



Primavera Salva

Laguardia Place resident

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728620294 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:03:37 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 10:13 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728620294 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-728620294

DATE RECEIVED: 02/20/2012 10:12:08

DATE DUE: 03/05/2012 10:12:38

SOURCE: eSRM

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Sent: 02/20/2012 10:11:32
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: johnsampson1@earthlink.net (John Sampson)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
John Sampson (johnsampson1@earthlink.net) on Monday, February 20, 2012 at 10:11:32

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: John
Last Name: Sampson
Street Address: 15 Downing Street
City: New York City
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2122553248
Extension: John
Email Address: johnsampson1@earthlink.net

Message: I am an architect and have been living in Greenwich Village since 1973. I have enjoyed the special quality of life that the Village offers, but as N.Y.U. has expanded, the neighbourhood has become less attractive, more crowded and noisier, and an increasingly unsympathetic place to live. N.Y.U.s proposed expansion plan, if allowed to go ahead, would continue and even accelerate this process, and I am strongly opposed to it. It must be clear to N.Y.U. by now that their plans are highly unpopular with their neighbours. It seems to me that they should either seek space in other areas where their presence would not have such a negative impact and may even be welcomed, or give up on the idea of expansion entirely and concentrate instead on pursuing academic excellence. Is bigger necessarily better? And would 2031 be the end of their ambitions? I urge you to reject N.Y.U.s expansion plan and thereby protect our neighbourhood from further damage.

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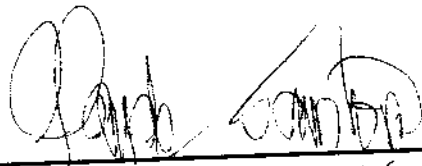
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CLAUDE SAMTON
84 MERCER ST

NEW YORK 10012

SZAMA@AOL.COM

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-739646842 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 11:15:07 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-739646842

DATE RECEIVED: 04/04/2012 11:13:42

DATE DUE: 04/18/2012 11:14:58

SOURCE: eSRM

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: leopardspot@earthlink.net (Judy Samuels)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by

Judy Samuels (leopardspot@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 11:13:16

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Judy
Last Name: Samuels
Street Address: 116 West 76th St
Address Number: 3F
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10023
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-580-6513
Email Address: leopardspot@earthlink.net

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Sincerely,

Bobby Sander

49 West 12th St. 8F

New York, NY 10011

Testimony of Matthew S. Santirocco
Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs
Professor of Classics and Angelo J. Ranieri Director of Ancient Studies
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Commissioners,

I am here today to express my strong support for NYU 2031. Having served for 17 years as Dean of NYU's College of Arts and Science, I now serve as Senior Vice Provost with responsibility for University-wide undergraduate academic affairs. Given this background, I would like to comment on NYS Assembly Member Deborah Glick's recent editorial in "The Villager" suggesting that our freshmen be housed on Governors Island. I can see how the idea of using Governors Island to house and instruct our freshman students (a sort of Harvard Yard) might be appealing. But it doesn't reflect the nature of the freshman experience or how we (or any other university) delivers its curriculum. Here are some points to consider.

(1) The sort of students who come to NYU are precisely those who do NOT want a traditional college campus. From the time of our founders, we have been characterizing ourselves as "in and of the city." Governors Island is wonderful, but it is neither "in" nor "of."

(2) The parallel with Roosevelt Island is inexact. Roosevelt Island is accessible by subway. Governors Island requires a ferry which would be massively expensive to run and would, in effect, turn us back into a commuting school.

(3) The argument that required first-year (NYU's so-called MAP curriculum) courses could be given on Governors Island is based on a misunderstanding of how the undergraduate curriculum is delivered. First, while many students take MAP courses, a large number of students take school-specific disciplinary courses to fulfill their general education requirements. Moreover, no first-year student takes only general education courses. Thus, while a Great Books course could theoretically be taught anywhere, disciplinary classes are taken in the academic departments, which are located in and around Washington Square. A freshman, for example, might move from a Great Books course to a biology course which requires access to laboratories on the Square.

(4) Students do not learn only or even exclusively in the classroom or laboratories. Access to Bobst Library is essential, and that library is on Washington Square. Some students take classes that meet there, and use unique archival materials such as the Tamiment Library's labor history collection; and other students use it for their own study and individual research projects. It's inconceivable that a freshman would—or

should—travel at 10PM at night on a ferry to study in Bobst, any more than to work in a research laboratory.

(5) What applies to the library also applies to student support services. These include two gyms, a state-of-the-art Student Health Center, an Academic Resource Center, a Writing Center, the Wasserman Center for Career Development, the Kimmel Center for University Life (which houses hundreds of student activities and groups), and the new Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life. All of these facilities and services are located in the space between Union and Washington Squares, and it's beyond impractical to expect students to take ferries to see their physician, to shoot hoops, to get late-night help with a term paper, or to participate in an all-University extracurricular club.

(6) Finally—and perhaps most importantly—quite apart from needing access to their departments, libraries and laboratories, and support services, students learn from their interactions with one another. While we may put our freshmen in particular buildings around Washington Square, they live among upper-year students and are also integrated into the larger New York City community, patronizing local businesses and performing community service.

I hope that I have been able to provide the Commission with a helpful perspective. The bottom line, I think, is that the idea of locating NYU's freshmen on Governors Island is neither feasible nor desirable. The island on which they belong is Manhattan.

From: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725783609 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2012 1:19:42 PM

HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
212.720.3521

-----Original Message-----

From: ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:55 PM
To: HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725783609 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 11:30 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-725783609 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: Stelney@aol.com (Gail Saplin)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Gail
Last Name: Saplin
Street Address: 1 Wash Square Village
Address Number: 3A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-475-4836
Email Address: Stelney@aol.com

Message: The NYU Plan is outrageous! Please do everything you can to sstop the Rape
of the Village by NYU! Many thanks.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729974610 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 5:15:45 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 11:11 AM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729974610 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: stelney@aol.com (Gail Saplin)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Gail
Middle Name: H
Last Name: Saplin
Street Address: 1 Wash Square Village
Address Number: 3A
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-475-4836
Email Address: stelney@aol.com

Message: NO TO NYU2031! KEEP GREENWICH VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL! NO TO NYU THE
REALESTATE BEHOMOTH.

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OFFICE OF THE
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MAY 8 - 2012
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555 W. 116th St
New York, N.Y.
10027
05/03/12

To the Chair of the City
Planning Commission,
Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Gramercy Village
for many years. I am utterly opposed
to the NYC 2012 Expansion Plan.
It will create a huge open area
which increases traffic, pedestrian
and traffic congestion.

NYC has embarked upon the
wrong track. In many respects
the political desire for power by
John Sexton and members of the
NYC Trustee's council to disrupt
the lives of Village residents.
Adequate space for NYC expansion
is available in Lower Manhattan.
NYC's suspension of borders on criminality
Please use your judgment and vote
against this proposal.
Sincerely, Ronald F. Gardner

JAN 31 2012

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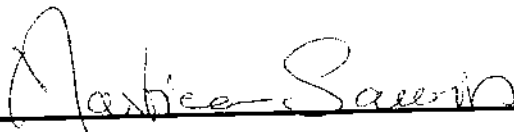
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61 Jane St, 4P 10014

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New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon.

My name is Rosemary Scanlon. I am Divisional Dean of the Schack Institute of Real Estate at New York University, and I am pleased to address this important Commission on behalf of the 2031 development plans of New York University.

In my long career here in New York City as an economist and economic planner, and now as a professor and administrator of the Real Estate graduate program at New York University, I **can attest to the economic as well as the intellectual importance of education to New York City. I include in this the major role that New York University – NYU-- has long played in the intellectual and cultural life of New York City, as well as the important economic impact of NYU's presence in the Washington Square area, and in the East Side medical cluster.**

New York University has been growing rapidly. In just these past two decades, enrollment has grown by 25%. As a result, total employment of faculty, administrators and service personnel now numbers some 17,500 employees. **The forecasts are that growth in student enrollment will be at least moderate, and will require the continued addition of faculty and administrative staff in support.**

The announcement by Mayor Bloomberg and NYU President John Sexton this week of the Center for Urban Science and Progress to be located in downtown Brooklyn, will also have an impact on the university's space requirements around Washington Square, for faculty and student housing, and for hotel space for visitors to the campus at large as well as for this new and vital enterprise.

So NYU needs the space: this is projected to be some 240,000 sq. ft. each year for the next 25 years --- **space for classrooms, for faculty housing, for a hotel for visiting scholars or participants at university-sponsored conferences.**

NYU's plan is to develop on our existing sites in the Washington Square area, the Sliver Towers and the "superblocks" on the Square.

With this plan we will contain growth at our own facilities - the space we need, and the development rights, are already there. **The impact on the neighborhood and character of Greenwich Village will be minimal. This will be a cost-effective development, as well as one that concentrates the additional space the university needs at its core operations.**

I sincerely hope that you will agree with me that **this plan, New York University's development plan through to the year 2031, is a vital asset to New York City's growth in these next twenty years.**

Thank you for this opportunity to address this Commission.

Testimony of Ellen Schall
Dean, Robert F Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
New York University

Before the New York City Planning Commission for the Public Hearing on the New
York University Core Project

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners.

My name is Ellen Schall and I am the dean of NYU's Robert F Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. I am here to speak in favor of NYU's Core Project.

NYU Wagner is one of 18 schools of NYU and a school that is directly and powerfully connected to NYC and to NYC government. Our close to 1000 students study public and nonprofit management and policy, as well as urban planning and health management and policy. We have close to 200 faculty, 43 full time and 158 adjunct all committed to the close nexus between theory and practice as well as 64 staff. And our alumni lead city agencies, work in city hall, are staff to the city council and of course are equally active in NYC's nonprofit and health care organizations.

NYU created a plan we call 2031, named for the year NYU reaches its 200th anniversary. The university was motivated to lay out our future needs for space in response to two pressures. The first was the local community, which had been observing our growth over the past ten years (a growth parenthetically that is at the same pace as that projected in this plan) and asking us to say what more we wanted to build and where. We were also motivated by internal pressures, the needs of virtually every school for more space. Wagner was and is one of those schools.

When I became dean in 2002, the Wagner you knew then was spread across 5 sites. We had no “home” per se: the dean’s office and some faculty offices were in a small though charming brownstone on the north side of Washington Square Park, while other faculty camped out in half a floor of the business school and our career services office was in a third location and so on. We were asked to consider space on Houston Street, on 12th street, in Brooklyn, but as we sought to become more central to the life of the university, we wanted to be close to the main campus. We moved into the Puck building in 2004 – and although there were faculty who complained that *that* distance- 7 blocks- was too far, our move to the Puck has proven to be a tremendous asset to our school and to the university.

We currently lease 50,000 square feet on two floors at the Puck. Our lease is up in 2019 . with an option to renew to 2024. We were one of the schools that told the university a few years ago that we needed more space, perhaps 50% more. We do not anticipate being able to stay at Puck beyond our lease extension and thus are hoping we might be able to move into the “zipper” building planned for Mercer Street. Wagner faculty have mixed views on the plan, as you will hear today. Some understand the need and support it; others are opposed. As dean, I feel confident that the University has developed a thoughtful and achievable plan and that we have heard and will continue to listen to faculty opinions on this, varied as they are. I know that the Wagner school needs more space and believe it is the right thing to do – for the wider community – to look first at the space we own before we build elsewhere.

Thank you.

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
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Sincerely,

Amye Schanck

250 Mercer St.



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I write to express my appreciation for the hearing on the NYU expansion plan. Unfortunately I was speaker 123 and had to leave before my turn.

I—and my congregation—cannot support the NYU expansion plan. It is too ^{BIG}~~good~~ not to fail. As the oldest independent institution on the NYU campus, we can certainly support some growth by our neighbor but not what the university is currently proposing. We also find the Stringer compromise insufficient.

Do help us save what is good about the Village.

Donna Schaper
Senior Minister

January 4, 2012

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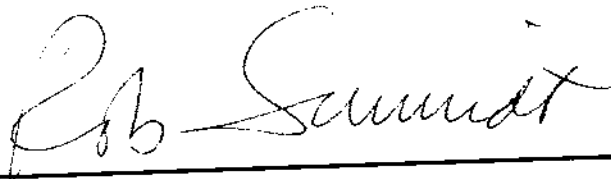
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Rob Schmitt, 45 E 7th St, NYC 10003

**Testimony of Mary Schmidt Campbell
Dean, Tisch School of the Arts
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project
April 25, 2012**

Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners, Good Morning. I have had the pleasure of serving as the Dean of the Tisch School of the Arts for almost 21 years, and have had the honor to serve not only the University, but the City of New York, the State of New York as a steward and advocate of art and culture.

The Tisch School exists because Greenwich Village is what it is. Our school was born at NYU over 45 years ago as a product of the risk taking and innovation that characterize the artists and cultural institutions in the Village. Our curriculum has been shaped by collaborations with theaters in the community. We draw on the talents of individual artists who live and work in the Village. The audience for much of the work of our students comes from the local community.

In recent years, creative entrepreneurs who graduated from our graduate and undergraduate divisions have often chosen the village as the venue in which to set up shop, contributing to the local creative economy. Tisch alums lead some of great downtown cultural institutions like the Public Theater and New York Theater Workshop. In fact, whole industries--independent filmmaking, Silicon Alley-- were movements fueled by the creative talent from Tisch.

In New York City at large, at this very moment, there are 300 Tisch alums in New York acting on stages, from Broadway to off- off Broadway which does not count the directors, set, costume and lighting designers. Nor does it take into account the number of Tisch alums who work in a burgeoning film and television industry in the city. Every year, the school becomes a more powerful magnet for drawing talent from all over the world to New York City to fuel, the stages, sound stages and creative businesses that help give this city its life and energy.

We have achieved at the highest level and contributed to the Creative economy of downtown New York, in spite of the fact that Tisch's Institute for Performing Arts has for years struggled with inadequate, obsolete, sometimes dangerous and cramped facilities. Those facilities are at a crisis point. In order to continue to make contributions to the Village, New York City and the creative landscape of world culture, we have embarked on an ambitious plan to design the world's finest performing arts training center

We launched a master plan effort in 2007 to explore the best possible solution to meeting this critical need for new performing arts space. Working with the world renowned firm Annead (formerly Polshek), we explored a number of options for the Institute of Performing Arts

The promise of the superblocks, which allows us to build– de novo – is the most appropriate space for a new Performing Arts Center. Specifically, the Zipper building is the best site for the type of specialized space we require: high ceilings; column free space; space to accommodate a fly loft theater (we have none anywhere else at NYU); easy ground floor access to the public for theatrical productions. Without facilities like these, we cease being competitive with other theater and performing arts training centers around the country.

The project will create a first rate site of theatrical training and make it possible to carry out a curriculum that simulates the complexities of professional protocols, practices and technical requirements.

The new IPA will include studio, rehearsal spaces, practice rooms, theatrical production shops, workshop spaces for a range of disciplines.

We believe that part of the character of the Village is the support of individual artists and its cultural life. The new Institute of Performing Arts allows us to continue that tradition.

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NEW YORK, NY 10014

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April 12, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to NYU's slightly revised expansion plan in the Village. I urge you to vote NO on the plan. This supposed "compromise" is still a terrible plan from a city-planning standpoint, as it would add vastly more density to an area that is already struggling to cope with NYU's building spree in recent decades and feeling enormous pressure as a result of constant and rapid increases in population.

Despite token scalebacks, NYU's plan would still overwhelm and oversaturate our neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate existing public park space and violate the agreements under which it was given formerly public land and which prohibit exactly the type of development the university is now proposing.

There are better alternatives for the City, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU must expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion. There, NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

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Sincerely,



Katherine W. Schoonover

kwschoonover@gmail.com

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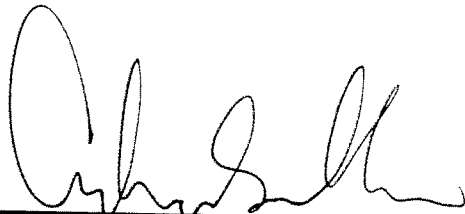
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Andrew Schwab

Washington Square Village

Jed Schwartz
Treasurer, Board of Directors
88 Bleecker Street
New York, NY 10012
April 29, 2012

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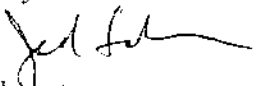
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I reside and serve on the Board of Directors at 88 Bleecker Street, on the corner of Bleecker and Mercer, where I have been lived with my family for twenty-two years. From our building you can see the wide setback on Bleecker, with its lovely cherry trees and oak grove, dotted by I. M. Pei's three Silver Towers, jutting up from their surroundings as intended by the master architect and by agreement between NYU and the city. The proposed "Zipper Building" would overwhelm and ruin the site. The Silver Towers would be thrown into the shadow and cramp of a claustrophobic wall, which would loom over the entire complex and closely abut the easternmost tower of the Silver Towers. The result would be an ugly jumble of dense buildings -- as oppressive for the NYU faculty and students housed within them as for the community members living across from them on Mercer Street.

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City Planning Commission
c/o The Calendar Information Office
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New York, NY 10007

Dear Members of the City Planning Commission:

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The heart of my testimony is to make this urgent appeal to the commission:

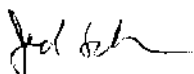
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Hon. Amanda Burden
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*Please consider a different site for NYU --
Tribeca or the Financial District.*

Thank you

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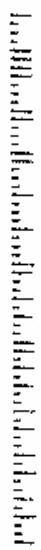
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Chair Amanda Burden
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April 24, 2012

Dear Chair and Commissioner,

I write to you to provide my perspective as the dean of one of NYU's undergraduate programs as you review the University's plan to address our need for additional space close to our historic home on Washington Square.

Liberal Studies enrolls 2300 students in our two undergraduate programs: the two-year foundation Core Curriculum, whose students complete their degrees in other NYU schools; and Global Liberal Studies, a new, innovative bachelor of arts degree course that offers a humanistic perspective on global studies. The Liberal Studies community includes approximately 80 full-time faculty, 50 adjunct faculty, and 25 full-time staff.

The program is now housed on the sixth floor of an office building at 726 Broadway, and it may be relevant to sketch our space trajectory in recent years. Until 2004, the program was housed in about 2,500 square feet of space "borrowed" from another NYU school; in that year, we moved to 726, and decompressed into about 10,000 square feet of usable space. But in our new space, our faculty still were forced to triple up in offices, while we literally had to convert closets to offices, and ultimately we were unable to add faculty for lack of accommodation for them. Last summer, when another unit in 726 moved into newly renovated space further from the Square, we added another 10,000 square feet, and decompressed another time.

Why should our narrative matter to New York City? As our program has grown and matured, we have moved from staffing our courses with adjunct faculty to employing full-time faculty. In eight years, our full-time numbers have grown from 40 to 80, adding 40 well-paid academic professionals who live in New York, pay taxes, pay rent, buy goods and services, and contribute actively to the cultural life of the city. Our full-time staff has doubled as well, from 13 to 25.

I also believe that our undergraduate programs, by the nature of our curriculum and distinctive pedagogical approach, contribute to the city in unique ways. We do not merely encourage, we require our faculty to bring the city into the classroom and to take their classes out into the city. We regard New York as a learning laboratory and our students are always engaged fully in using it. Classes are held in museums and cultural institutions all over the city, including the Cloisters, the Met, MOMA, the Natural History Museum, and many more. Our students attend lectures, concerts, the opera, theatre performances, and film showings. This provides direct as well as




indirect economic benefit to those institutions. And I might add that our students intern at the United Nations, the French Consulate, the Met, Morgan Stanley, MTV, Vogue, CNN, and so on, and through that service contribute directly to the city's economy as well.

This is a good story for Liberal Studies, for NYU, and for New York City. However, for us in Liberal Studies, it is not over. Our academic plan is to continue to rely less on adjunct faculty and to create more full-time faculty positions - 20 more without increasing our enrollment. This is an important investment for the University and for the city, but it will not happen if we cannot add additional space. Our present offices can accommodate only half that growth at most, and very little of the staff we need to add, too. We also need classrooms, a science lab, and a lecture theatre.

I realize that Liberal Studies and our space needs are but a small part of the overall plan, but I believe our small part is typical of the many individual program needs assembled in the University plan.

Sincerely,



Fred Schwarzbach
Dean, Liberal Studies



January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,

Shirley Sealy

14 Washington Place # 9M

N.Y. N.Y. 10003

April 25, 2012

City Planning Commission

Re: Public Hearing on NYU 2031, April 25, 2012, National Museum of the American Indian

Dear Commissioner Burden and Planning Commission:

I am writing to strongly urge you to vote "no" on the existing NYU 2031 plan. Your approval of the university's proposals would require significant changes to zoning laws, taking of publicly-owned land for private use, and reversing deed restrictions which created the two superblocks.

Furthermore, NYU 2031 conflicts with the City's open space and environmental goals. For example, two goals of PlaNYC are that every New Yorker should live within a 10 minute walk of a park and there should be a variety of parks to address the needs of a diverse population. Transferring several city-owned open spaces to NYU willfully ignores a goal of PlaNYC. Another goal of PlaNYC is to have the cleanest air quality of any American city, but the 20 year, large-scale, multi-site development proposed by NYU would be a major source of local air pollution, including the physical destruction of existing buildings, the construction of several new towers, and the emissions from transportation and construction vehicles moving in, out, and around the neighborhood for 20 years.

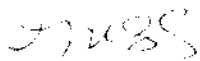
Recently, the City was awarded \$2.4B to meet its stormwater management goals using green infrastructure. Particularly in the North Block, NYU's proposal would eliminate significant vegetation which currently acts as green infrastructure, managing stormwater and

providing non-water benefits. NYU's proposal would destroy the large, mature tree canopy in the area and would add impervious, non-permeable surfaces which would increase stormwater runoff, reduce water quality and groundwater recharge, and increase energy costs through the loss of cooling benefits associated with mature trees. These actions will hinder goals set forth in PlaNYC and the Green Infrastructure Plan.

Finally, NYU claims implementation of the NYU 2031 plan would increase open space on the super blocks. In the North Block this is based on the classification of only the Mercer Street Playground while ignoring the landscaped LaGuardia Park, the WSV Courtyard and Sasaki Garden, and the Key Park. In its own Sustainability Assessment Report 2009, the university lists the Sasaki Garden and the WSV Courtyard as "accessible campus space". In other words, there currently is a lot of open space in the superblocks but NYU does not classify it as open space in the NYU 2031 plan.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of the above issues. Again, I strongly urge you to vote "no" on the existing NYU 2031 plan.

Sincerely,



Georgia Seamans

1 Washington Square Village

New York, NY 10012

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Fredda Seidenbaum

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April 23, 2012

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Hon. Amanda Burden, Chair
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
NEW YORK, NY 10007

Re: NYU's proposed Greenwich Village Expansion Plan

Dear Chair Burden:

I cannot urge you strongly enough to vote "No" on NYU's proposed expansion plan. I have lived in the Village all my adult and have watched NYU, like some science fiction monster, gobble up the Village, drastically destroying the historic character of this neighborhood. This character is not only the reason most of its residents choose to live here, but also a one which has made it the third largest tourist attraction in Manhattan (it was second before 9/11).

The scale and style of Bobst Library, Skirball Center; the new multi-religious center, as well as NYU's unethical destruction of the Poe building and Provincetown Playhouse and their thwarted plan to ignore their own landmarked I.M. Pei complex have not only made me unabashedly ashamed to be an alumna, but have also made Villagers distrust and suspect any promises/agreements NYU makes for the future.

NYU states "Historic Greenwich Village is our campus." It needs to change its paradigm to: "Our campus is located in historic Greenwich Village." It acts as if it owns the Village, destroys and gives little in return. Its requested lifting of zoning requirements and upzoning residential areas is a travesty. If NYU were an extraordinarily wealthy private individual landlord, these actions would have been stopped many years ago. There is no reason to transfer public land to this wealthy private institution, nor to remove urban renewal deed restrictions.

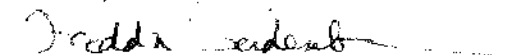
There are much better alternatives, not just for the Village, but also for NYU and the City which would enable NYU's expansion without these problems. The Financial District's community leaders have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion. Other alternatives: Downtown Brooklyn or Governor's Island also offer much greater growth potential.

NYU already has campuses in Dubai, Shanghai and online. These prove they have no pressing need to expand in this neighborhood, where there is not only more limited space, but where 20 years of construction will have a tremendously damaging impact.

PLEASE protect and preserve the historic ambiance and low-population density of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's plan. There are several better alternatives.

Thank you.

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Fredda Seidenbaum

cc: Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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First Name: Robert

Last Name: Seidman

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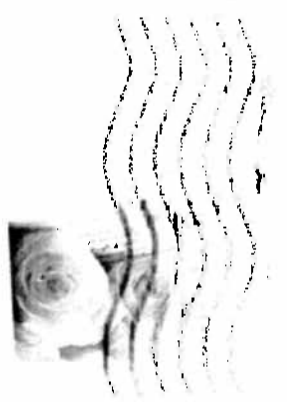
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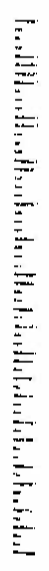
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Testimony of Marguerite Sharkey
Senior Director, Department of Residence Services
New York University School of Law
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Afternoon Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

I want to thank you for your time today. I have worked at NYU and lived in the Village for over 25 years. My responsibilities include overseeing the Law School student residences, one of which is on Mercer Street right across the street from the Washington Square Village area where major construction will be staged for the 2031 core expansion project.

While it would be easy for me and my community of students to default to a rejection of this plan because the construction will cause some inconveniences, I applaud the University for taking a long-term look at its comprehensive needs and coming up with this proposal to ensure it maintains its academic excellence over the coming decades.

NYU 2031 is a plan based on examining its needs over the next 20 years and determining how to intelligently expand the University to allow for certain fields of study to stay in the core campus and other to move to where they make the most sense. It is easy to object to change, but for NYU to remain successful, and for it to be a shining example of ingenuity and excellence in New York City, expansion is necessary. The Village and NYU have co-existed for decades and the addition of academic, dorm and faculty housing space onto the two enormous blocks South of Bobst Library will not change that.

The Washington Square News, the student newspaper, stated it in very clear terms and I choose to end my testimony with a quote from them,

“But NYU and the Village are modernizing together. Its role as a historical quarter will remain consecrated; but on principle, it should be acknowledged that NYU has never been an appalling intruder, tyrannically squatting in the Village. Our students are not swarms of tourists clogging the veins that circulate through Greenwich Village. Instead, we are a part of its lifeblood; our equally historical university has called the Village home since 1831 and has grown in tandem with the neighborhood, adding a diverse and youthful vibrancy.

Although it is understandable that Village natives grow weary in the dizzying flurry of violet and NYU sweatshirts, this argument is purely based on nostalgia. The musicians still play near the fountain in Washington Square Park, and the dread locked bohemians still stroll down Bleecker Street – and they always will.”

Thank you for your dedication to this project and New York City.

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Postal Code: 10021
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 9172823961
Email Address: mamashea123@gmail.com

Message: NYU is integral to the cultural, intellectual, and financial future of our city. Along with Columbia, CUNY, and other great centers of learning, NYU is a treasure to be valued and supported. I am the President of the Ninth Precinct Community Council. Although I am not speaking for the Council here, I can tell you that NYU has always been a staunch supporter of our neighborhood. Among the projects to which NYU has lent invaluable help is our annual Christmas Event for the children of the LES, collecting hundreds of toys, as well as providing entertainment and snacks for all. Even when it comes down to the needs of individuals in the community with no fanfare involved, it has been my experience that when asked for help, NYU has come through without hesitation. I hope your experienced leadership can be brought to bear on this matter and help secure a bright future for our city.

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Testimony of Tazuko Shibusawa, Ph.D.
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New York University Silver School of Social Work

Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Morning Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners,

I am here to testify on behalf of the NYU 2031 Plan. I am Tazuko Shibusawa, Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean and Director of the MSW Program of the Silver School of Social Work at New York University.

The mission of The Silver School of Social Work at New York University is to educate professionals in a global perspective for social work practice with individuals, families, groups and communities and to provide leadership in the development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in complex urban environments. The Silver School of Social Work seeks to fulfill its mission by building and transmitting knowledge that is based on strong empirical research, and that will help to alleviate human suffering, enhance the vitality and caring capacity of our global and local communities, and promote the ideals of a humane and just world.

The Silver School of Social Work currently enrolls over 1,200 students in the Master of Social Work Program at the Washington Square campus. As with other schools and colleges at New York University, we are in desperate need for new space to fulfill our mission. This past January, one week before the beginning of the Spring 2012 semester, we did not know if we could offer all our courses because of the shortage of classrooms through the entire NYU campus. The lack of space impedes our ability to provide quality education. Our classrooms are overcrowded, and instructors have difficulty providing in-class activities that are crucial for teaching social work practice skills. We employ over 150 part-time faculty, and there is no space for adjunct instructors to conduct private meetings with our students. Collaborative activities among students are also hindered because we lack adequate space for students to gather.

The faculty of the Silver School of Social Work are committed to addressing unmet community social service needs through research and provision of clinical services. Many faculty are engaged in collaborative work with community organizations. Recently, a group of faculty conducted a needs assessment to develop a faculty practice, which will meet the needs of the members of the Greenwich Village community. The assessment pointed to a need for a consultation and referral program for seniors and their families. The faculty are preparing to develop a program, which responds to these needs. However, the faculty will need space to offer services for the community.

New York University is a global research university with over twelve international academic centers in cities including Abu Dhabi, Berlin, London, Prague, Shanghai, and Tel Aviv. The Silver School of Social Work plans to launch a Master of Social Work Program at the NYU Shanghai campus in the next few years. Our program in Shanghai will also enhance our community partnerships with Chinese American community organizations in the New York area. We will need space for video conferencing and other state-of-the-art technology to launch a successful global program.

The NYU 2031 Plan will provide desperately needed additional space for the university. New York University has worked closely with the community to ensure that the Plan balances the needs of the community by building on the University's own property and not further extending into Greenwich Village. I am aware that some NYU faculty members are opposed to the expansion in Washington Square. However, I am confident that the University will continue to engage in dialogue with faculty to address their concerns.

The NYU 2031 Plan will serve the needs of the surrounding community by creating enhanced and more usable open green space and donating land for a public school. The NYU 2031 Plan has also been endorsed by a number of non-profit organizations that serve disadvantaged members of our community. The NYU 2031 Plan serves the University, the Greenwich Village community, and the City of New York. I encourage the Commission to approve NYU 2031.

In 1981 we moved "back
up" to the "Key post"
at Washington Square
Village. I love
my home - my neighborhood
and even a member of
Greenwich House Party.
During the day and
after-schools it has
become increasingly
difficult to walk in
my local situation due
to the density of
the population. Still
- god bless them, we
hang out about and

April 21, 2012

Love, Charles & Boden,
I am writing to
you because my
husband and I
have lived at
674 Broadway since
he bought his loft
in 1986 and I joined
him in 1986, a year
before our marriage.
We adopted our
daughter Francesca

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January 4, 2012

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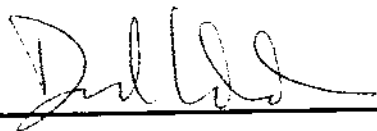
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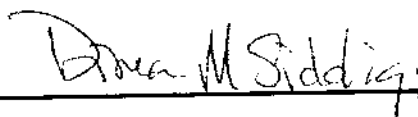
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Sincerely,

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To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729355461 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 6:36:43 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 6:19 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729355461 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
Subject: < No Subject >

From: jsiedun@yahoo.com (J Siedun)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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J Siedun (jsiedun@yahoo.com) on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 18:16:57

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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: J
Last Name: Siedun
Street Address: 130 Barrow St
Address Number: 201
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Email Address: jsiedun@yahoo.com

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February 2, 2012

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Heidi Siegfried

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841 BROADWAY, SUITE 201

ALBANY, NY 10002

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742965390 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 11:37:41 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742965390

DATE RECEIVED: 04/18/2012 11:36:01

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Sent: 04/18/2012 11:35:04
To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov; mguskova@doitt.nyc.gov
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From: canarytoo@aol.com (Mary Sikarevich)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Mary
Last Name: Sikarevich
Company: Chung Pak DCC
Street Address: 125 Walker Street
Address Number: 3fl
City: NYC
State: NY
Postal Code: 10013
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 2123439630
Email Address: canarytoo@aol.com
Message: I fully support NYU and its new program expansion initiatives.

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-742414154 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 12:19:07 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-742414154

DATE RECEIVED: 04/16/2012 12:18:40

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: constance
Last Name: silver
Company: Guam Land Vest
Street Address: 1035 5th Ave
Address Number: 16a
City: NY
State: NY
Postal Code: 10028
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 7375338
Email Address: cohama@aol.com
Message: In support of the NYU 2031 PLAN!!!

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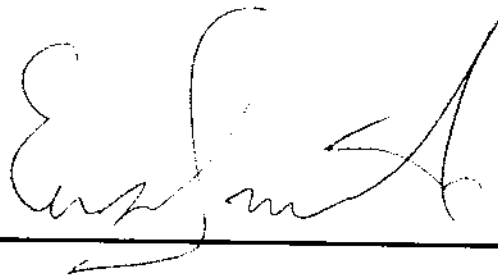
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Sincerely,



Eero Simonelli

110 Bleeker St

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March 30, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219

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Though I currently no longer live in the Village, I lived for 24 years on Broadway and Bleecker street, where my husband, children and grandchild still reside. NYU has a history of promising its neighbors accessibility to parks, playgrounds and the gym facility on Mercer street to only retract it as time passed. We lost access to a playground, and within a year of building the gym facility on Mercer and Bleecker, the times and dates for area residents to use the facility, as well as increase of admission price, cut out anyone who would have wanted to use it. NYU has NOT been a good neighbor! Do not let them become an autocratic force in this gentle, beautiful unique neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Simons
10 Bay Street Landing A7H
Staten Island, NY 10301

Formerly: 645 Broadway, NY, NY 10012

February 6, 2012

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Sincerely,

Lemard Singer
505 La Guardia Place
NY 10012

At home in the
state of Virginia
my very best

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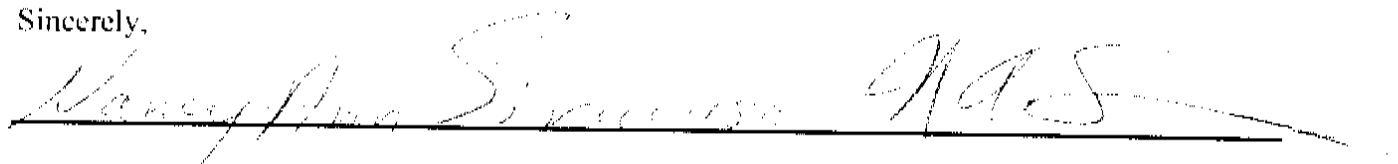
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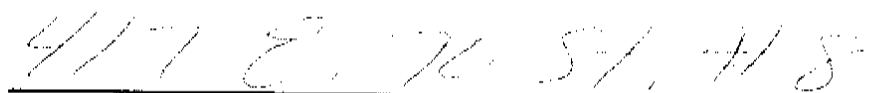
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Ann Simon".

A handwritten address in cursive script: "417 E. 76 St, #8".

A handwritten zip code in cursive script: "NYC 10021".



Cornell University

David J. Skorton
President

April 23, 2012

Honorable Amanda M. Burden, Chair
Members, New York City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair and Members of the New York City Planning Commission,

I am pleased to comment on the proposed NYU project that you are considering, specifically to offer observations on the context of space requirements of major research universities.

Cornell University has been a longstanding part of New York City through our Weill Cornell Medical College, our cooperative extension service active in all five boroughs, our several other programs in facilities throughout Manhattan, and more recently our initiative on Roosevelt Island. We understand how challenging it is for universities to address long-term needs for space while respecting the character of neighborhoods in which residents including our students, faculty and staff work and live.

New York University, a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, is one of our country's outstanding institutions of higher education. It is an excellent exemplar of the many ways that universities contribute not only to the highest quality of undergraduate, graduate and professional education and research but as well the many ways that colleges and universities contribute to the economy, vitality and culture of our towns and cities. In particular, NYU contributes substantially to the robustness of New York City in the many neighborhoods in which it operates its superb programs. President John Sexton, one of the country's finest university leaders, is well aware of the role and responsibility of his institution in the life of the city.

NYU has made its home at Washington Square for almost two centuries. We at Cornell understand the dual challenge of planning for the future in educational and research activities, while being thoughtful about developing plans that are compatible with the immediate community. As fellow New Yorkers and educational colleagues, we appreciate their need to ensure that academic space appropriately supports their current and future missions of education, discovery, scholarship, creativity and public engagement. It is imperative that universities plan for their future needs to remain competitive and be prepared to meet the needs of future students and society.

Successful modern universities face tremendous pressure for space expansion. This pressure comes from the need for expanded programs to serve new curricula, increasing enrollments in a broad variety of fields, and students' needs and desires for extracurricular programs and activities. In addition to the

need for more space, there is the need for increasingly new types of space that older, iconic buildings cannot supply. Research and teaching approaches have and will continue to change, often resulting in functional obsolescence of existing facilities. As these new needs evolve, however, it remains critically important to keep in close proximity the many traditional and evolving programs and activities of the university. This proximity is necessary so that students may choose classes from different disciplines and schools, and so that the faculty and staff from various parts of the university can work together in addressing the many interdisciplinary problems whose solutions require a wide variety of areas of knowledge and expertise.

I support NYU's efforts to address these difficult challenges, and have every confidence in the extensive process its leaders have undertaken as well as the meaningful collaboration with the community that is occurring through the ULURP process.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important set of issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Skorton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "S".

David J. Skorton
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Sincerely,

Orin J. Smith

3 Washington Square Village #7-0
NYC 10012-1804

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730763829 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:49:33 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
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To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
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Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-730763829

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From: katty11@earthlink.net (Katharine Smith)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Katharine Smith (katty11@earthlink.net) on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 07:01:23

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
First Name: Katharine
Last Name: Smith
Street Address: 75 Bank St 3N
Address Number: 75 Bank St 3N
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 646486-0509
Extension: NY
Email Address: katty11@earthlink.net
Message: I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU s massive proposed expansion plan
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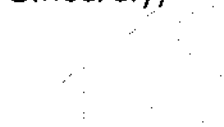
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Kimberly A. Smith
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New York, NY 10009

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April 2nd 2012

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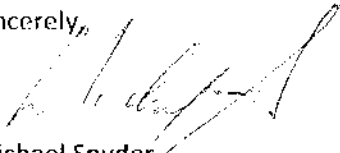
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Michael Snyder

49 West 12th Street

New York, NY 10011

917-952-4655

msnydernyc@aol.com

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150 Thompson St 8B

New York, New York 10012

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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-741034564 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:30:14 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-741034564

DATE RECEIVED: 04/10/2012 12:28:29

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From: pspadavecchia@earthlink.net (Patricia Spadavecchia)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Patricia Spadavecchia (pspadavecchia@earthlink.net) on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 12:26:54

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mrs.
First Name: Patricia
Last Name: Spadavecchia
Street Address: 9 Jones Street
Address Number: 9 Jones Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212 242-8816
Extension: NY
Email Address: pspadavecchia@earthlink.net

Message: NYU cannot be allowed to absorb an entire neighborhood. They can expand to other parts of the city but we in The Village are saturated with them. DULM

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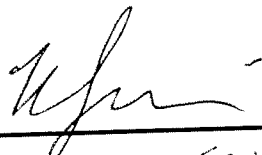
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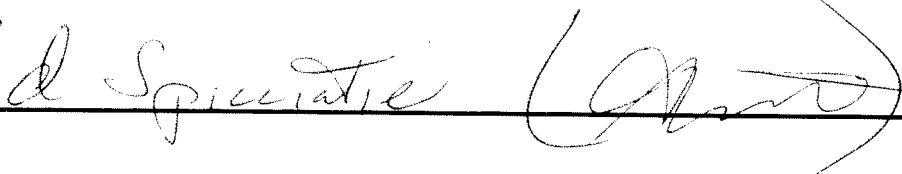
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VOTE:
Absolutely no!

Sincerely,

Jean Standish

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308 EAST 6th ST. #6

NY, NY 10003



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G. GABRIELLE STARR

Acting Dean, College of Arts and Science
g.starr@nyu.edu

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

24 April 2012

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

As the Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science and a professor of English, I thank you for the opportunity to describe some of the pressing reasons we need the space the 2031 Plan will provide our students here in Washington Square. I am sure you will hear, from a variety of perspectives, that our current footprint is inadequate to the students, faculty, and staff that make up our university, so I will only focus on what I see most every day.

We are in dire need of classroom space. I received two emails yesterday that speak directly to this point. The first was from a student:

Dear Dean Starr,

I am a Biochemistry major, class of 2014. As a soon to be junior who is also on the pre-med track, I am required to take General Physics I and II during the Fall and Spring semesters of 2012 and 2013 respectively if I want to graduate by 2014. As it turns out, registration for General Physics I is closed due to the capacity of lab seats already being met.

I am writing this email to ask that you please allocate funding for the Physics department at NYU to open more labs, so that the students who are in a similar position as myself can be accommodated to graduate on time.

The problem for Physics (and for all of our bench sciences) is that we simply do not have the space to teach the students we have. There are hard limits on how many students may be placed in a laboratory in order to ensure safety during classes, it is terrible to have to tell our students to "wait to see" if someone withdraws from a class that is required for graduation. Things have gotten so bad that I worry that we will reach a point soon where I will have to limit the admission of qualified students in our entering class interested in the sciences because we don't have room. More and more students are interested in pursuing STEM careers, and this is great for our universities and for the United States. But that growing proportion of students will soon mean we are up against a wall at NYU. Literally. Soon, even *keeping the size of our Freshman class the same, as we plan to do*, we would have to turn away the growing proportion of students interested in the sciences – in the fields that are future of our country – because of the number of laboratory seats available. If we are to keep up with the needs of our students and with the needs for a workforce educated in science and technology, we have to have the space to educate them.

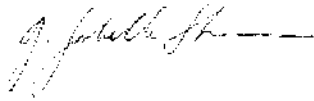
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I've got a small handful of courses without rooms. They were either necessary late adds or simply changes (in one case we had to expand and add recitations to a course to accommodate students). We've tried Draper, Comp Lit, German, Juan Carlos, etc. - no luck. Any suggestions on how to proceed? Any secrets up your sleeve about soaces?

I have no secret spaces up my sleeve, but we have a plan to build the space we need. The College is at the right size, and we have no plans to increase in the coming years. We are simply looking to have classrooms that are suitable for teaching—for good laboratory space for the sciences, for lecture halls, for seminar rooms, and room to breathe. Having this space in the heart of our campus means that we will be able to continue the tradition of excellence that distinguishes an NYU education.

The 2031 Plan will provide this, and I urge you to grant approval for it, and thus to help us secure the future of our University.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Gabrielle Starr", followed by three horizontal lines.

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To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-729335726 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 4:53:25 PM

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From: hjsteed@verizon.net (Hubert Steed)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Hubert
Middle Name: J
Last Name: Steed
Company: NYU
Street Address: 1 Washington Square Village
Address Number: 9A
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-777-1130
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January 4, 2012

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RENEE STEINHILLEN

107 BLEEKER ST. 27E

N.Y., N.Y 10012

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DAVID STENN
299 W. 127th ST #17E
NEW YORK, NY 10014

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Frank Stewart

31 Jane St- 5H

NY NY 10014

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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-743738943 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012 3:35:59 PM

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From: mstewny@verizon.net (Marianne Stewart)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Marianne Stewart (mstewny@verizon.net) on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 15:34:53

This form resides at
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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Marianne
Middle Name: J
Last Name: Stewart
Street Address: 63 Downing Street
Address Number: 3C
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10014
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-255-2401
Email Address: mstewny@verizon.net

Message: Once again, I urge you to vote NO on the NYU2031 plan, even as revised by the Stringer compromise. The plan eliminates much-needed trees, park and open spaces, the Sasaki Gardens and the only supermarket in the area-- totally unacceptable. PLEASE VOTE NO. Thanks for your consideration and for the work you do for the City of New York.

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April 24, 2012

Ms. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am Richard B. Stewart, University Professor at New York University School of Law, and Faculty Director of the Hauser Global Law School Program and of the Frank J. Guarini Center on Environmental and Land Use Law. I have taught environmental, administrative and regulatory law at NYU and lived in Greenwich Village with my family for 20 years. I walk to work. Prior to joining NYU, I was on the faculty at Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government for 18 years. One of NYU's strong attractions for me was its physical location.

I wish to express my support for the University's considered process for planning for its long-term growth, both in Greenwich Village and beyond, and its general strategy for enhancing use of its current sites in the areas near Washington Square, where the Law School is located together with most of the University's other core facilities and activities. Geographical cohesiveness is central to the success of the University enterprise. The Latin root of the term "University" is "a community of teachers and scholars." Successful creation and sustenance of an academic community requires that the members – faculty, students, and administrators – of its various branches be able easily to interact with each in the regular, daily course of teaching, studying, and working. It is also highly desirable that its members, especially faculty and students, live in the same general vicinity.

In my experience, one of the key reasons for the vibrant academic growth and strong sense of community at NYU Law School and the Washington Square components of the University is the co-location of the University's facilities and the fact that a high percentage of students and faculty live relatively close by. Let me give some specific examples from my own experience.

The construction of Furman Hall, across from Vanderbilt Hall, has enabled the Law School to offer many more advanced and specialized courses. I teach between a half and a third of my courses there. Furman Hall also houses the administrative staff of the Hauser Global Law School

Program that I direct; it takes only a few minutes for me to reach their Furman Hall offices from my faculty office in Vanderbilt Hall, permitting much closer and regular interaction than if the Hauser office was located at a distance. Furman Hall also has a stunning large conference/meeting room on the 9th floor. It is a stellar venue for high levels events; my academic and research programs have used it for workshops and meetings of ambassadors and high-ranking ministers from Europe and other countries and UN Missions as well as academics from elsewhere. Having this facility within the Law School complex greatly enhances our visibility and outreach; the events are generally open to and enrich our students.

Recently, the Law School performed a beautiful interior renovation of a townhouse across Washington Square from Vanderbilt Hall, at 22 Washington Square North, while carefully preserving and restoring the historic exterior. The building houses the Straus Center for The Advanced Study for Law and Justice and the Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization. Distinguished academics from around the world come as fellows at the centers for a year to research, discuss, and present their academic work. I walk across the Square attend workshops at the centers, as do my students, greatly enriching our academic experience and advancing the global orientation of the Law School and the University. Three years ago I was privileged to be one of the Inaugural Fellows at the Straus Center.

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My academic interests have a strong interdisciplinary aspect. If I want to meet with a colleague in the Biology Department, or the Politics Department, they are just across Washington Square.

Many, probably a majority of the full time Law School faculty and students live within walking distance. As a result I and my colleagues and our students can be and are at the Law School, not just 9-5, but into the evenings for classes, lectures, and other events; we are often at the School on the weekend as well.

In all of these ways, geographical cohesiveness and proximity helps build and nurture a vibrant academic community, to the great benefit of our students and the research enterprise. The University's strategic plan would secure the physical conditions for maintaining this highly successful enterprise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard B. Stewart".

Richard B. Stewart

January 4, 2012

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Virginia Stoh
119 Washington Place, NYC 10014

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Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-747174612 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Saturday, May 05, 2012 3:01:28 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-747174612

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From: (barbara strambi)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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barbara strambi () on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 15:00:55

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: barbara
Middle Name: A
Last Name: strambi
Street Address: 505 Laguardia Place
Address Number: 28c
State: NY
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 1-212 677-7940
Message: vote no on the NYU PLAN. SINCERELY, BARBARA STRAMBI

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Sincerely,

*Mardi Stuard # 116
One Fifth Avenue,
New York, NY 10003
212-777-1726*

10 May 2017

Dear Mr. [Name]

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2017 regarding the [Project Name].

I am writing to you

regarding the [Project Name]
in Washington, D.C.
New York, NY 10003
[Address]

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To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-747130098 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Saturday, May 05, 2012 12:21:24 PM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-747130098

DATE RECEIVED: 05/05/2012 12:20:02

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: nstruensee@earthlink.net (Nicole Struensee)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Nicole Struensee (nstruensee@earthlink.net) on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 12:19:48

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Nicole
Last Name: Struensee
Company: retired
Street Address: 505 Laguardia Place
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: NY
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 6467346440
Email Address: nstruensee@earthlink.net

Message: I strongly urge you to note NO on NYUs application to overturn zoning protection on Laguardia Place. Not only would this undermine the aesthetic and quality of the neighborhood and its residents but it also continues to undermine NYU as an academic institution versus a destroyer of New York City landscape!!!!

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-721770213 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Monday, January 23, 2012 11:01:37 AM

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Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 1:47 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-721770213 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Message Type: Misc. Comments
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Eve
Last Name: Stuart
Street Address: 20 Fifth Avenue
Address Number: 6E
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10011
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-473-6627
Email Address: Design82@aol.com

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EVE STUART • 20 FIFTH AVENUE, APT 6E • NEW YORK, NY 10011

Hon. Irwin G. Cantor
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007

April 17, 2012

Dear Commissioner Cantor:

I'm writing about NYU's proposed expansion. I lived in the neighborhood of the two superblocks for 38 years, and have watched as NYU has swallowed up more and more of the neighborhood. NYU used to pride itself on the fact that it had no actual campus, that the city was its campus. This is no longer true. NYU has become an overpowering presence in the Village and the character of the neighborhood is being totally lost.

Jane Jacobs understood so well what make neighborhoods livable, what makes them work. NYU's 2031 Plan would overturn longstanding agreements and fundamentally and forever alter the character of the Village.

The plan calls for space equivalent to the Empire State Building to be added to the two superblocks. This would be absolutely disastrous. By NYU estimates, 10,000 to 12,000 more people a day would enter the area. The increase in people and density would be unsustainable. The plan would turn the neighborhood into a 20 year construction zone, which would be unimaginable, disruptive and devastating to the community.

NYU, and the proposed compromise by Scott Stringer, do not begin to address community concerns.

There are much better alternatives that would not destroy the community. Community Board 1 and leaders in the financial district have invited NYU to expand there. This seems a perfect solution, bringing dynamic, vibrant life to a neighborhood that could use it, and protecting a neighborhood that cannot sustain the kind of onslaught the proposed expansion would entail.

I urge you to protect the character of this beloved Greenwich Village. Please vote NO to the proposed expansion plans. The community desperately needs your support on this issue.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Eve Stuart

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Marilyn Stults

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203 W. 105th St., #3

New York, NY 10025

This is the worst threat to this neighborhood since the days of Robert Moses!

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77 Bleecker Street #613
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May 3, 2012

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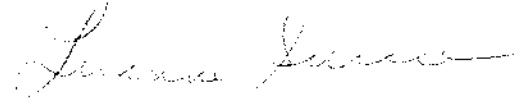
Dear Planning Commission Chair:

Please do not approve the NYU Expansion plan, as is. I am a 1982 NYU Law School graduate. I love NYU. I love the Village. I came to NYU in 1979 because it is in the Village. I have lived here ever since. If NYU expands the way it wants to expand, the Village will no longer be the Village. NYU is special because it is in this charming, quaint, quieter, more interesting and historical part of NYC. If NYU changes the Village this way, it will not be attractive to prospective students. NYU will also cause such hard feelings with so many residents and businesses here that it will be counter to its plans to attract students.

The noise level and traffic will be beyond what this area can handle, during and after the construction. It is not just that the construction will be noisy, polluting, traffic-causing, etc.. It is that the end result will be all of those things and will destroy the feel of this neighborhood. A modified plan with fewer and lower-storied buildings would be a better option. Building all or some of the needed buildings further downtown or out of the Village is certainly a good option. Most importantly, why not utilize the buildings already empty in the NYU/Village area. There are so many better options than to do what NYU currently plans to do.

I am sure you can figure out an alternative. NYU and the Village should both be able to do well and the residents, students, their families, faculty, etc. should all be able to be happy and proud of co-existing in a positive and healthy environment that preserves the look and feel and lifestyle of the Village. That is why NYU is here to begin with.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Luanne Surace".

Luanne Surace

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April 9, 2012

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Andrea Swan
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park has already changed
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Village's City Council take any
more,

Sincerely,
Cathryn Swan

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Brooklyn NY 11218

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April 19, 2012

The Honorable Amanda Burden
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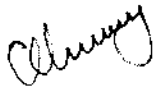
I write to express my strong support for NYU's plan to create academic space near its Washington Square core.

NYU is an internationally recognized research university; it draws talented scholars and students from around the world to New York, where they add to the city's vibrancy, diversity, and innovation economy. NYU is also one of New York's largest employers -- a source of exactly the kind of good jobs that New York's economy needs.

New academic space is crucial for the University to continue to achieve excellence in education and research. NYU 2031 strikes a thoughtful balance by providing the University with the space it will need over the next two decades while also addressing the concerns of its neighbors.

Strong universities are important for strong, thriving cities. I urge you to support NYU's plans as they proceed through the ULURP process.

Sincerely,



Chandrika Tandon
Chairman, Tandon Capital Associates
Chairman, Tandon Foundation
Founder and Chairman, Soul Chants Music

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Barbara Taub

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Susan Taylorson Esq.

4 Washington Square Village, Apt. 6H,
NYC 10012

PS. This is extremely important to my family
and the wider community.

February 6, 2012

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Photographs of Space, Silence & Solitude

6 January 2012

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Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219

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Greenwich Village is historic. People from all over the world come to see the place where Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, the beats, the writers and artists formed a community and changed the world's cultural landscape.

Greenwich Village is a neighborhood and regular folks live in it, many for decades. It is OUR neighborhood.

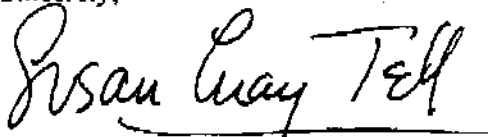
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Sincerely,



Village resident for 32+ years

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THE BELOW CAN BE USED AS SAMPLE TESTIMONY FOR THE APRIL 25th HEARING,
AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS

Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

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As a life-long Manhattan resident of the LES side/East Village for almost 40 yrs. and as someone with chronic mobility impairments, I am already suffering daily from the massive over-development of the East + West Village in general and of NYU in particular. Pedestrian foot traffic is almost impossible on weekdays afternoons and the crowding, noise, traffic jams etc. on the weekends make living + sleeping unbearable. We can not tolerate any more -

such growth. We need what CBTS is proposing
support for affordable (local businesses other
than bars + restaurants)
(independent)

I think NYU's 2030 plan is premised on
fallacious ideas ^{realities} that success equals growth
rather than excellence. This is not exclusive
to NYU - but seems to permeate the Bloomberg
approach to NY City in general.

It is also in stark contradiction to
"Green" ideas of sustainable development.

I implore the City Planning Comm. not
only to reject NYU's massive building plan +
removal of precious open space - but to
re-orient itself in general towards a
protector of what NY City really is best
at - being a balance of high energy and human-
scale values.

Most sincerely,

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Testimony of Dr. Louis Terracio, Faculty Member at New York University College of Dentistry.

Before the New York City planning Commission

For the Public hearing on the New York University Core Project

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners; my name is Louis Terracio and I am a Professor at NYU College of Dentistry. I live at 3 Washington Square Village and I support the 2031 plan. My reasons for supporting the plan are that NYU needs more space to meet its teaching and research mission. NYU has far less space than its peer institutions no matter how you measure it. For me personally, the rate limiting step in growing programs at the College of Dentistry is the lack of space. I know that everyone is focused on the super blocks at Washington Square, but what I like best about the plan is that it is very balanced with growth at WS but the majority of growth is not at the core, but at more remote sites. The CUSP project announced this week is an example of this as is the College of Dentistry and Nursing new building at 26th street and 1st avenue that will accommodate some of our needed growth in teaching and research space. The College of Dentistry and NYU are good citizens of the city of New York. The College provides dental care to over 30,000 citizens and is the safety net for many of our citizens. Over \$20 million of the care given is uncompensated. We need space to meet our teaching, research and service missions and luckily we are getting some since we are at a distant site. No one is upset about expansion at 26th street or in Brooklyn because it is not in their back yard. Well most of the construction on the super blocks is in my back yard and although I will not enjoy the inconvenience of the construction, I will enjoy the final product. What is proposed will give us much more access to functional open space than we currently have. It coupled with the mitigation plans will result in a much improved quality of life for me and my family. I only hope that they complete it quickly so that I can enjoy it. Thanks you.

**Ms. Amanda Burden, Chair
New York City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, New York 10007**

May 7, 2012

**Re: NYU ULURP Nos. 120122 ZMM;
N120123ZRM; N120124ZSM;
120077MMM**

Dear Madame Chair and Fellow Commission Members:

Rather than rehash all of the reasons of why NYU 2031 should be denied, I write this as a retired city planner trained in comprehensive land use planning and all of its supporting disciplinary foundations as taught in the University of Pennsylvania's Masters Program. One of my professors was Dr. Chester Rapkin a former member of your distinguished commission.

It was Dr. Rapkin and his fellow faculty who instilled in us that planning is more than drawing lines on paper designating land uses or zoning districts and that unless you had an understanding of the ramifications of your proposals on the community it impacted your planning efforts would be for naught. More significantly, we were advised that unless you had the trust of the community your plans would not gain public credibility. Sadly, the public has arrived at this consensus for quite some time.

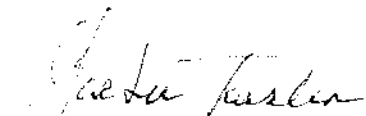
After 5 years of NYU's unveiling its 2031 "plan" and its recent vetting before Community Board 2 Manhattan and the City Planning Commission the university is still oblivious to the adverse impact 2031 has on the Washington Square and larger Greenwich residential community. The massive space expansion proposed and the rezoning request from residential to commercial is an affront to the integrity of New York City's Zoning regulations. The 2.3 million sq. ft. expansion on a residentially zoned neighborhood is precluded under present zoning and open space requirements.

The NYU response to this problem by requesting rezoning is another affront to the community if not to the City. If you don't like the established rules just go ahead and change them is not exactly a principle that a university should be teaching its student body.

It is asked that the Commission act in the capacity of its titled name and resort to the process of City Planning and not zoning upon which the entirety of NYU2031 is predicated. The DEIS findings were most significant in pointing out how formulaic criteria of measurements of the impact of this magnitude of space are beyond everyday living comprehension. The prospect of living in a 2 block construction zone for 20 years that spills over to adjacent blocks is only part of what the public has tried to convey to NYU that still "does not get it". The discretionary action by the Commission in lifting the deed restrictions before 2021 should therefore be precluded so that we do not live in endless construction chaos.

Finally, to dispel the ad hominem attacks on the community as naysayer “NIMBY’s” I would point out that the City Planning Commission should look at the totality of the impacted area as a wide neighborhood community and not a “backyard”. We believe that the City and NYU would be better served if expansion was concentrated in areas such as the Financial District or Downtown Brooklyn where the “multiplier“ effect of generating service and related jobs would provide more added value to the economic base than in an established area such as Greenwich Village which does not need the same stimulus as those districts.

To conclude, it is asked that you deny this application and tell NYU to go back and adhere to current zoning and deed restrictions.



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Ron Texidor

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NY NY 10012

From: Ronna Texidor

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New York, N.Y. 10012

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February 29, 2012

Dear Ms. Burden,

In the past, every time I would see your name attached to any activity, I would be so grateful. At last, someone who loves New York more than money.

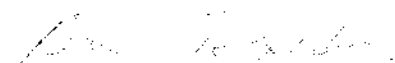
Is it too much to hope that you will be the hero of the fight against the NYU plan? I am so very concerned because I have just lived through the destruction and reconstruction of the Catholic Center on Thompson St. between West Third and West Fourth St. The construction made me an activist, because the excavation of the foundation actually shook my bed. It is horrendous experience to live near an NYU building project. I survived the Law School, the library, the reconstruction of Loeb, now called Skirball, and the construction on West Third and Mercer. During the construction projects, there is very little concern for the daily life of the residents.

Now, they are out of control. They want to build a forty story tower in the superblocks. Really, it is totally out of proportion and it is only of benefit to the University. As a matter of fact, it is just a greedy dream of John Sexton to have the best University in the world. And I say, what about the importance Greenwich Village? We, as Villagers and New Yorkers, have a responsibility to protect and preserve the Village. The name, Greenwich Village, resonates throughout the world, attracting people from around the city and from places far away. It is like a symbol. When you live in the Village, you take your responsibility very seriously. I am fighting for my Village. I am fighting for my life.

I hope I am not wrong about you. I believe you are the kind of person who will fight for what's right not just some developer's project. Will you take a leading role in convincing your colleagues that this is the wrong project in the wrong place. As far as I am concerned, this isn't just any old place NYU is messing with. They will be virtually killing the Village.

For myself, I cannot live with myself and let the Village be destroyed. I am fighting to my last breath.

Sincerely,



Ronna Texidor

Amanda Burden

City Planning Commission Chair

22 Reade St.

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April 9, 2012

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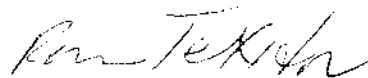
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OPEN LETTER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

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Sincerely,



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MAY 8 - 2012
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First, I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify at the Planning Commission hearing on April 25th. I waited a long time, but I was able to speak near the end, and I believe I poured my heart out, and you listened with respect and attention. I was very impressed by the diligent effort you made on behalf of the community to be attentive and responsible throughout the very long day. So thank you so much.

I am writing now because I want to send you these petitions. In March, I went out into Washington Square Park for several days when the weather was so beautiful and many people were gathered there. I brought my homemade sign and talked to those who approached me, to tell them about the plan that NYU has to overwhelm the neighborhood. Many people had no idea about what may be in store for them. I originally collected these petitions for Scott Stringer, but at the last minute, I became concerned that he might use the names and addresses to contact these signers for his own purposes. I feel that your commission would not do such a thing. As a matter of fact, I would like to request that you shred these petitions after reading them, so that there will be no problem of identity theft. Many people did not sign because of that concern. But I trust you, and I want you to know that their signatures represent a lot of passion for the Village and concern for our health and longevity.

Isn't it time to put the brakes on excessive real estate development. Why is real estate more important than community life, individual lives and a neighborhood that has meaning in and of itself?

Because a man is rich, and has rich friends and ties to politicians, does that give him the right to destroy lives, for money? We can make money in other ways. It is a fallacy to believe that only development can bring revenue to the city. And, by the way, how much city money is going to be spent on ConEd and other utilities. Are we paying or are they paying? Of course, I am interested in my own life, but please, there are many lives at stake here, and you beautiful people can save them. Please, please, save our lives.

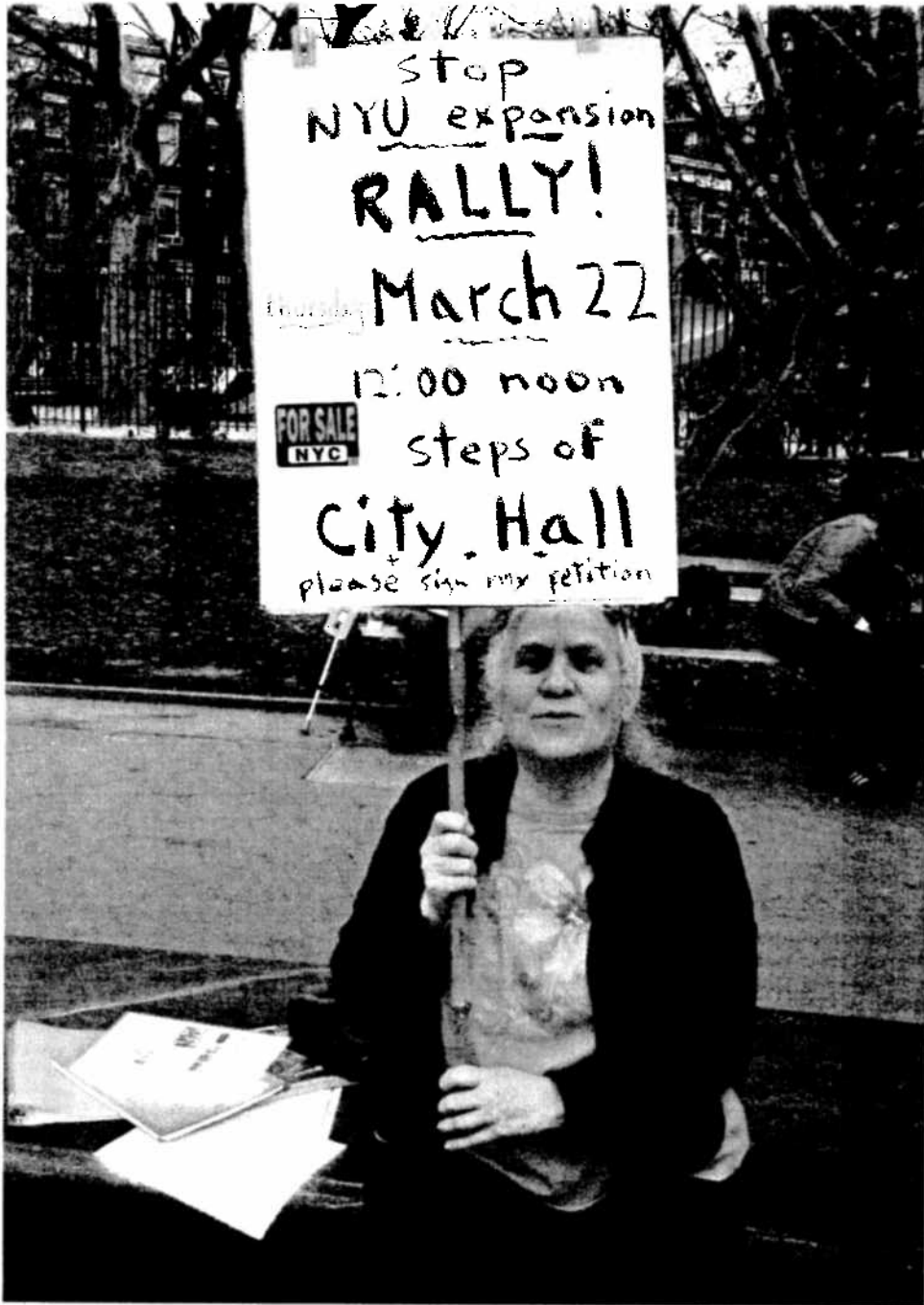
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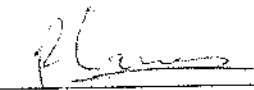
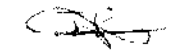
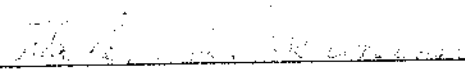
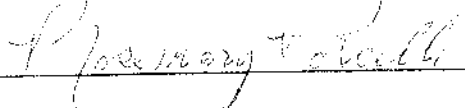
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Petition to Oppose the Expansion Plan of NYU 2031

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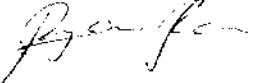

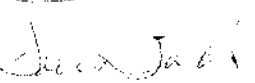
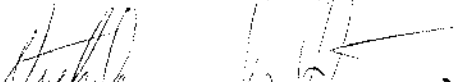

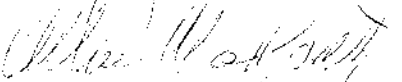
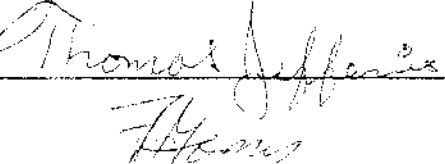


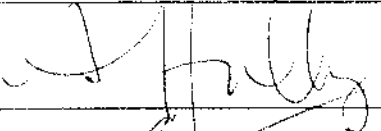

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3/12/12		Phyllis Lauer	Thompson St 234 NY NY 10012	
3/12/12	Linda Walker	Linda Walker	113 113 10012 230 Thompson St	
3/12/12	Isabella Gomez		230 Thompson St	
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3/12/12		Rosemary Farrell	172 Canal St	

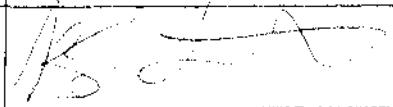
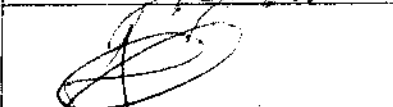
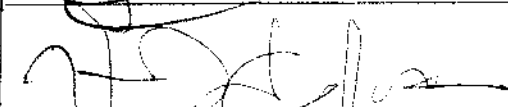
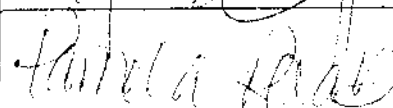
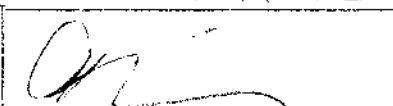
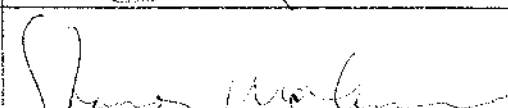
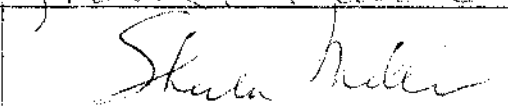
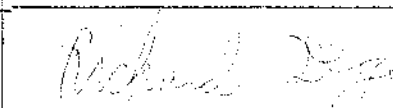
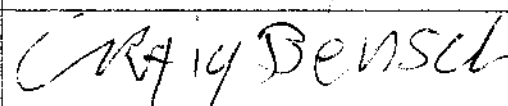

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3/12	Maria Amadio	MARIA AMADIO		
3/12	Loretta White	LORETTA WHITE	112 W. 11th St New York	
3/12	Annelle Needle	Annelle Needle	41 Union Sq. W. 10003	
3/12	Jon Gru	Jon Gru	106 Chr. St. NY	
3/12	Betsy Rowley	BETSY ROWLEY	125 CHRISTOPHER ST.	No!!
3/12	Cynthia Mendel	Cynthia Mendel	5925 Ave M Brooklyn NY 11220	Please stop the the village shops that have been destroyed
3/12	Richard S. Goff	Richard S. Goff	152 W. 11th St	
5/13/12	D. KALOGIANAKIS	D. KALOGIANAKIS	202 THOMPSON ST	
3/13	Mahbub Mershed	MAHBOOB MERSHED	230 Thompson St.	
3/13	Robert	Robert	234 Thompson St	Stop NYU

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3/13/12		Ryan Rose	131 College Place Greenwich Village	
3/13/12		Luis Oyale	831 E. 226th St 10466 Bklyn	
4/12/12		Doris L. Ginter	10-15th St 669.	
4/12/12		Nicholas Privitera	3120 Broadway Apt 177	
7/14/12		Gregory Steute	317 3rd Street Apt 2 NYC 10014	
3/13/12		Andrei Minskoff	64 West 3rd NYC 10011	
		Thomas Jefferson Flynn		
		Franco Gomes	230 THOMPSON ST NY NY 10012	
		Anne D'Amico	300 Park Ave 3rd NY NY 10017	
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3/19		KARIN SMITH	2nd St	
3/19	Corey M. K...	Corey M. K...	33 Washington Sq. W	
3/19		Jo Kotwitz	35th Street	
		Evangelos Limpatas	94 2nd Street	
3/19		Pamela Brad	3 WASHINGTON SQ. W. NYC 10012	
3/19		AMIT NIGAM	100 BROADWAY NY, NY 10012	
		Sharon Woolans	221 W 85th St NY, NY 10011	
		SHEILA MILLER	60 EAST 5th ST NYC	
3/19		Richard Degen	12th St	
3/19		Craig Bensch	221 W 24th St NY, NY 10011	
3/19		KABIR DANDONA	209 FREDERICK DRUGGANS BLVD, NYC, NYC	

Petition to Oppose the Expansion Plan of NYU 2031

Petition Summary:

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3/20	<i>Constance Jacobs</i>	JACOBS	ONE 5TH	
3/20	<i>R. L. P. Jacobs</i>	JACOBS	" "	
3/20	<i>Grace Kelly</i>	Grace Kelly	35 Fifth Ave	
3/20	<i>Barbara Schnow</i>	Barbara Schnow	Packerence East NYC 10034	I want to live in New York City, not New York University City
3/21	<i>Vella Vognora</i>	Vella Vognora	Brooklyn, NY	As a student of NYU, I believe we have enough space and don't need to take more from the city.
3/21	<i>Amanda Traugbber</i>	Amanda Traugbber	M. Iwaukee, WI	The city should be appreciated for what it is. <u>LOOK AROUND!</u>

January 4, 2012

City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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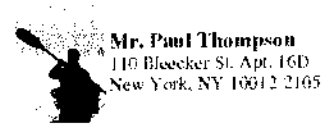
Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

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Camela Timmins

77 Fulton St

NYC, NY 10038



One Bernard Baruch Way
New York, NY 10010-5585

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5/5/2012

To Chair: City Planning Commission

I am a 25 year resident of
the Village and wish to express
my strong opposition to
NYU's Development plans in
the Village.

I have raised one daughter
and am raising another and
will be forced to abandon the
area if this construction proceeds.

Send NYU downtown -
They are begging for the site.



TONY TINKER (Professor)

January 4, 2012

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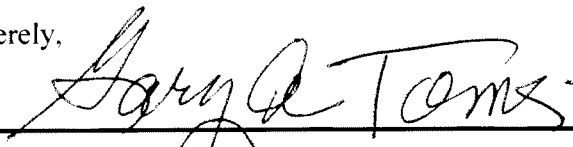
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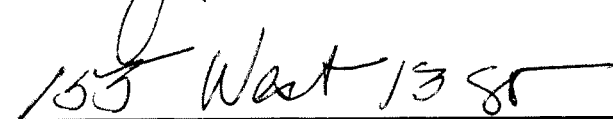
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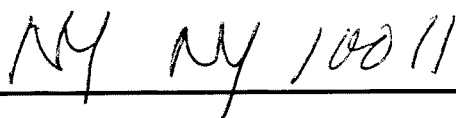
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*These plans will increase class se-
gregation and that is not what in-
creased income is all about. Hello,
is it serious?*

Sincerely,

David J. ...
... of ...
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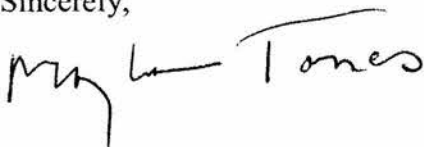
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New York, NY 10012

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April 2, 2012

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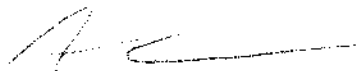
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Do what you know is right and vote NO.

Very truly yours,



R. Edward Townsend, Jr.

/st

cc: Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732553962 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 12:38:27 PM

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From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov [<mailto:outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:33 PM
To: CECILIA KUSHNER; ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-732553962 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information

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DATE RECEIVED: 03/07/2012 12:32:17

DATE DUE: 03/21/2012 12:33:07

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To: sbladmp@customerservice.nyc.gov
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From: rona.trokie@gmail.com (Rona Trokie)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Rona Trokie (rona.trokie@gmail.com) on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 12:32:00

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/maildcp.html>

Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Ms
First Name: Rona
Last Name: Trokie
Street Address: 63 Greene Street
Address Number: Apt 403
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 6463543089
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From: [outgoing_agency](#)
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-738355478 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:15:14 PM

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Anne Troy (atroy3@gmail.com) on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 21:13:21

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Message: I ask for your support in halting NYUs plans to build a fourth high rise at the Silver Towers complex. Silver Towers should remain in its current landmarked state due to its architectural significance. Thank you.

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To Hon. Amanda Burden MAY 8 - 2011

I STRONGLY urge
you to vote "No" to
MU's 2031 plan.

This is a neighborhood
cherished by us and
built by this community
of people. I've been here
more than twenty years
and cannot imagine how I
can remain if I am forced
to live on a construction
site.

There are other options
for NYU. Why cram these
buildings into our blocks and
destroy our lives?

We are voters, we are
deducted tax payers
and we deserve
to enjoy our lives
in the community we
have helped build.

Drains and office
buildings are not
HOME'S!

I plead with
you to Vote No!!!

Sincerely
Deborah Treiman

January 4, 2012

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tshtmkcel
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138 Prince St

ny ny 10012

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233 Bay St, Apt 40

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**City Planning Commission
Calendar Information Office, Room 2E
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Opposed to NYU Core Expansion Project
ULURP Application #: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

I ask the City Planning Commission to vote NO on the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan.

Greenwich Village is a historic residential neighborhood. I am concerned that NYU's enormous plan to change the existing zoning will add inappropriate, huge buildings that will dominate over our neighborhood's existing low- to mid-rise nature and change the character of this long-established and beloved area.

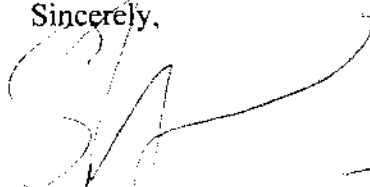
As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association (BAMRA), I am concerned that another change that NYU 2031 would bring are the types of retail attracted to all the new commercial space, especially bars. Noise is one of our biggest problems, and the 10 to 12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and more bars open until late at night will greatly reduce our quality of life.

Please deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks, build approximately two million square feet, take over public land for their own use, and remove existing deed restrictions.

I am not asking NYU not to grow, though simply applying more stringent standards to allow only higher-performing freshmen is certainly one way to make NYU a higher-quality educational institution. But NYU can grow in many other places where exactly the type of building NYU seeks would be better for NYC yet would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Downtown Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx where NYU had a prior campus, and many other locations have all been suggested, and the public officials there would welcome the development that we cannot absorb.

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Shannon Tyree
107 MacDougal St. #4
NY NY 10012

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Erica Ullenbeck

80 Wooster St. #4R

NYC 10012

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AS A MODEL FOR YOUR OWN LETTER TO THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
OR CAN BE SIGNED AND SENT IN AS IS
Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

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*Please save the Village from corporate greed.
NYU students, faculty and neighbors oppose this which
jeopardizes the true mission of NYU: EDUCATION!
I always vote and hold you accountable for yours.*

Sincerely,

Marilyn Guderby

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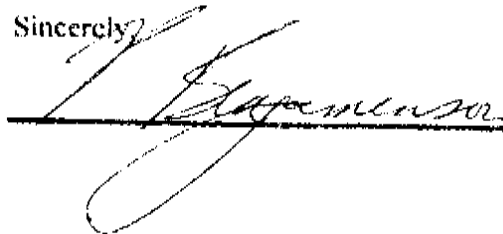
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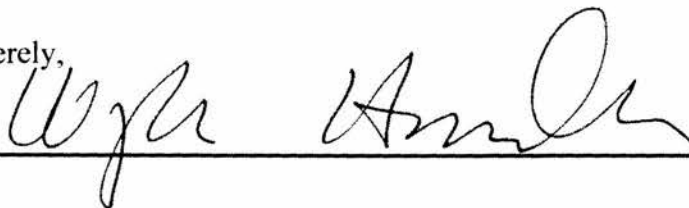
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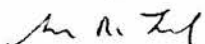
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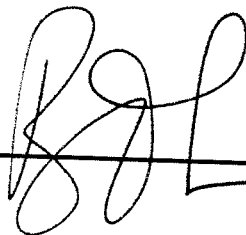
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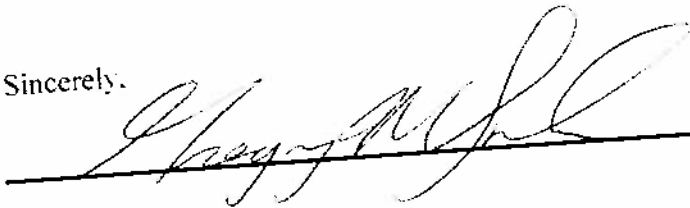
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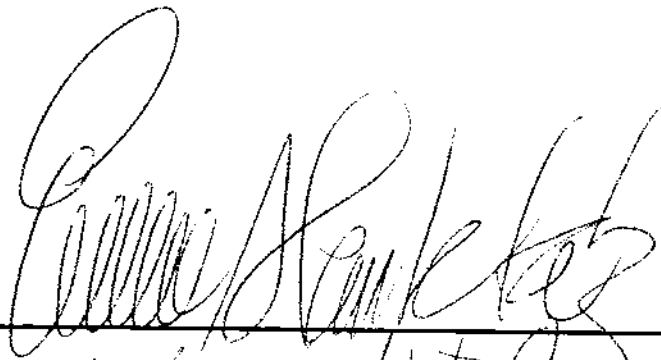
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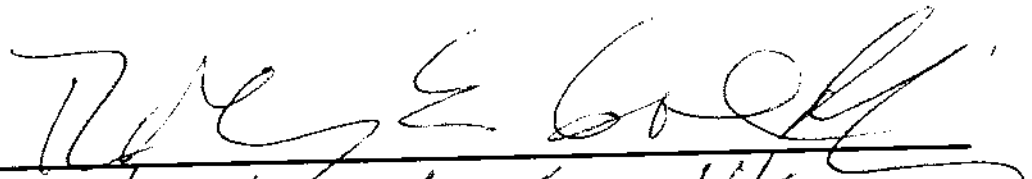
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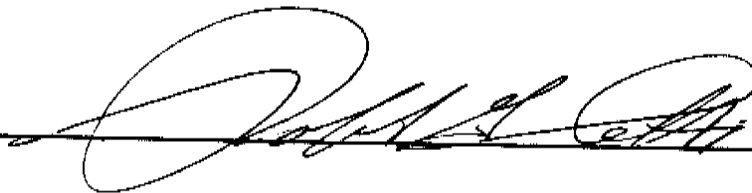
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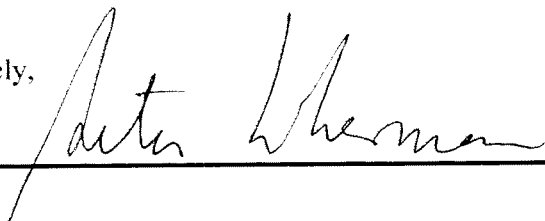
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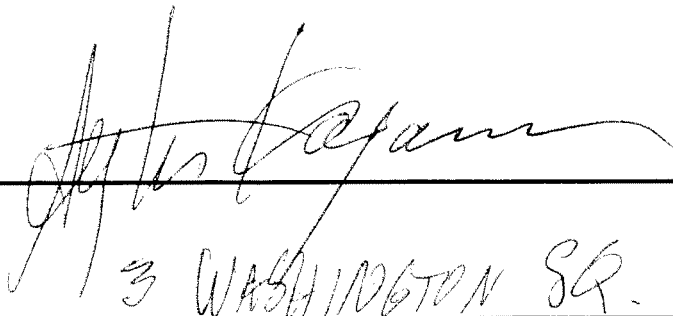
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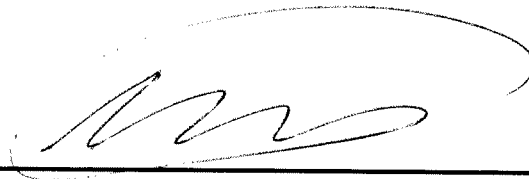
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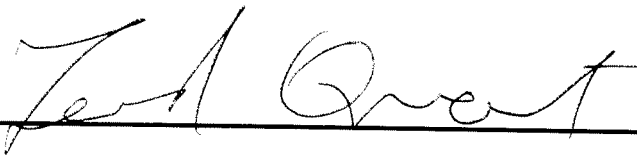
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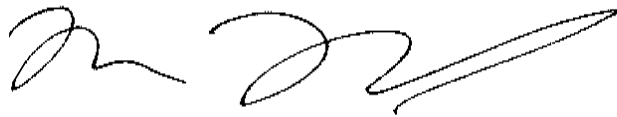
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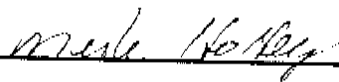
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Feel free to add personal comments in the space at the bottom, and share a copy with GVSH

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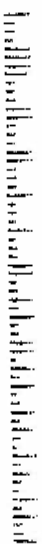
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Opposed to NYU Core Expansion Project

ULURP Application #: 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

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As a member of the Bleecker Area Merchants' and Residents' Association (BAMRA), I am concerned that another change that NYU 2031 would bring are the types of retail attracted to all the new commercial space, especially bars. Noise is one of our biggest problems, and the 10 to 12,000 expected new trips through our area during the day and more bars open until late at night will greatly reduce our quality of life.

Please deny NYU's applications to rezone the Superblocks, build approximately two million square feet, take over public land for their own use, and remove existing deed restrictions.

I am not asking NYU not to grow, though simply applying more stringent standards to allow only higher-performing freshmen is certainly one way to make NYU a higher-quality educational institution. But NYU can grow in many other places where exactly the type of building NYU seeks would be better for NYC yet would not destroy the character and livability of Greenwich Village. Downtown Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx where NYU had a prior campus, and many other locations have all been suggested, and the public officials there would welcome the development that we cannot absorb.

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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728620331 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:03:48 PM

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This form resides at
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Message Type: Complaint
Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Dr.
First Name: Vasu
Last Name: Varadhan
Street Address: 110 Bleecker Street
City: New York
State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
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May 6, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
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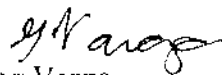
Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to vote "NO" on New York University's massive proposed development plan. I believe the plan is not the right approach for New York City, for Greenwich Village and even for the university.

I am a faculty member at NYU and a member of a department that voted overwhelmingly to support a statement of concern about the plan, because we fear its impact on NYU. But I write to you primarily as a neighborhood resident, a parent of a three-year-old girl, and a concerned community member. This plan would drastically change the nature of this neighborhood. It proposes buildings that are far too large and that would dramatically transform what it feels like to live on these blocks, overcrowding them and making them far less residential. In particular, the plan to remove green space would make this a much more difficult and unpleasant place to live. The "Key Park," in particular, is used by hundreds of children every day when it is beautiful outside, including two preschools and multiple in-home day care centers. It is a critical space for building community, one of the few where parents in the neighborhood can easily meet and get to know each other. The city needs more of these kinds of spaces, not fewer.

This plan is not good for the city's future, the future of NYU, or the future of Greenwich Village. I urge you to send this plan back to the drawing board.

Sincerely,


Greg Vargo

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Last Name: Verter
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State: NY
Postal Code: 10025
Country: United States
Work Phone #: 212-662-2650
Email Address: lesl718@aol.com

Message: NYU s massive Village expansion plan would have a tremendously negative impact upon the entire Village and the surrounding SoHo, NoHo, Union Square, Chelsea, and East Village communities. Better alternatives such as the Financial District have been proposed. Thousands of people have turned out for public hearings, written letters, and made phone calls about the plan. Given this extraordinary level of concern about this plan, I urge you to hold a public hearing before issuing your recommendation on the plan. Regardless, I urge you to vote NO, and recommend denial of the plan as currently proposed.

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Testimony of Lynn Videka, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean
New York University Silver School of Social Work
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Good Morning Chair Burden and Fellow Planning Commissioners.

I am here to testify on behalf of the NYU 2031 Plan. I am Lynn Videka, Professor and Dean of the Silver School of Social Work at New York University.

The 2031 Plan provides a blueprint for the future growth of New York University. NYU desperately needs additional space for state of the art facilities, the lifeblood of any research university. NYU's mission includes discovery, innovation, and the creation of new knowledge as well as educating the next generations of leaders for our society and our economy. The objectives of the NYU 2031 core project provides a transparent view of the University's future growth, and a strong plan to create critically needed space so that the University can continue to implement and expand programs that serve New York City and the world.

The Silver School of Social Work offers baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. It partners with over 600 non-profit agencies. This academic year alone, we placed over 1000 social work interns in the New York area to assist service providers in carrying out their missions to serve the City's most vulnerable. To maintain the effectiveness of this and other initiatives, space for research, administrative support systems, field learning seminars and classes must be located in Washington Square.

I commend the University for the inclusion of a public school within the Core Project. By donating the space for this community amenity, NYU has made a non-required contribution to the City in an area where school over-crowding has reached unprecedented levels. This plan serves the University, the Greenwich Village community, and the City of New York.

All of New York University's 18 schools and colleges have a pressing need for new space. The Silver School of Social Work is no exception. We are in the midst of implementing our strategic plan which includes a dramatic expansion of research programs. The Silver School's mission is to be a leader in education for the social work profession, to develop new knowledge to solve social problems, and to be engaged with community partners that serve the most disadvantaged citizens of New York. We are facing a dramatic shortage of space to fulfill this mission. Our classrooms are overcrowded and at times there are no available classrooms on the entire NYU campus in which to house new classes or to

accommodate our students. Our researchers have inadequate space in which to conduct their research and this is limiting their ability to make new discoveries. For example, the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research and the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health are dramatically under-spaced. The lack of sufficient room to house graduate student assistants, to conduct interviews and to hold community meetings is preventing the McSilver Institute and the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health from reaching their full potential.

The Silver School is committed to lifelong learning, yet we have next to no space in which to hold our continuing education programs. We would like to recruit more faculty but cannot provide offices or the classroom space needed to accommodate their needs. We are also unable to give adequate office space to our part time faculty. Furthermore, there is no student study or doctoral student office space in the Silver School of Social Work.

On a personal level, my son was a student at NYU. He continually faced challenges to his learning environment including lack of space to study, lack of space in which to hold tutoring sessions, and overcrowding in classrooms and laboratories. The library is so crowded at peak hours that there is not a corner in which to find solitary and quiet space. Students must scout out hidden corners and crannies in which to hold study sessions among themselves. A world class university needs to provide up to date and learning conducive environments for its students. NYU 2031 addresses these pressing space needs and will advance NYU to achieve its mission as a leading research university in the world.

The expanded space needs must be accessible to students and faculty who are based at the Washington Square campus. For students to be able to walk to class and study areas, and for faculty to be able to walk to research center spaces and expanded classroom venues are important to the coherence and efficiency of our programs. While we are thrilled that the Center for Urban Science and Progress will be built in Brooklyn, the Silver School needs space that is accessible for all students and faculty at Washington Square. As a dean, I hear faculty repeatedly state that nearby space is crucial for their work to be efficient and productive.

The NYU 2031 Plan is socially responsible. So often, urban university expansion plans entail displacement of socially disadvantaged communities. NYU 2031 entails no such encroachment on the space of disadvantaged neighbors. The plan largely uses NYU's own property for expansion. It maximizes below ground space development to reduce the above ground impact. It takes its own currently underdeveloped, underutilized and unaesthetic space, such as that between the Washington Square Village Towers and Coles Recreational facility, and puts it to more efficient use thereby creating better utilized pedestrian corridors, as well as

increasing public access to improved open green landscaping..

NYU 2031 is responsible in using the University's own resources to locate the expansion rather than displacing businesses and residents. Many of our nonprofit colleagues in lower Manhattan support the Core Plan as good for the nonprofit community and its partnership with NYU. While some NYU faculty members stand opposed to any expansion in Washington Square, the specific building plans are not immutable. The University plans to provide accommodations to the faculty living in Silver Towers and Washington Square Village, and has demonstrated a genuine willingness to modify the plan. I have every confidence that that receptivity to NYU faculty concerns will continue. The plan will create a spatial endowment for the future of NYU. It will enable us to attract the best and brightest students and scholars and teachers to New York. I encourage the Commission to approve NYU 2031.

January 4, 2012

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gave us an opportunity to
simply stay and breathe.
I'm a local resident. Please
stay power but keep going
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NY, NY 10003

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Testimony of Marc Wais
Vice President, Student Affairs
New York University
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on The New York University Core Project

Dear Chair Burden and Commissioners:

Thank you for hearing the case for NYU's growth needs. Below are the critical space needs of the NYU student population.

Art Performance Space: Over and over again we hear from students who are challenged by the inability to find appropriate spaces for art, music, and theater performances. Students pursuing the performing arts as an academic field have some dedicated spaces available to them, but even so, continue to struggle with finding practice, recital, and performance venues on or near campus. There is also a substantial number of students in other academic fields who feel passionately about participating in amateur arts and performance opportunities - and it is these students who are the most pressed for adequate space. With over fifty five recognized student organizations dedicated to the arts and performance, they must compete with each other for very limited space. These are students who have made the commitment to music, theater, film and dance performance groups in addition to their academic work in other fields.

Athletic Facility: The current main athletic facility, Coles Sports and Recreation Center, is more than 30 years old, and does not meet today's needs. The number of students, faculty, staff, and community members who utilize Coles and Palladium exceeds over a million patrons a year! The size of Coles allows us to use it as a multi-purpose space (for large student gatherings or for emergency response) that is already being strained when pressed to meet the athletic activities it was originally designed for. Coles has served the university and the community very well during its time, but is now simply outdated.

Student Activities: This is perhaps the area that feels the most critical to those at NYU presently engaged with working with students, and student clubs and organizations. We simply do not have enough available space to meet the needs of the 400+ recognized student groups seeking locations for meetings, events, lectures, and programs. They enhance and diversify campus programming for all students, faculty and staff members and many of these

programs are also open to the community at large. In our current environment, student clubs and organizations are competing for a small pool of space resources, and this ultimately places an artificial limit on the number and type of events NYU students can participate in. The interest is there, the commitment is there, the space is lacking.

Beyond organized events for student clubs and organizations, we are unable to provide enough meeting, lounge, and "free use" space for students at large. This severely constrains the ability of students to meet in casual academic groups or other informal gatherings; there are not enough places on campus where students can engage in quiet-but-not-silent group study, organize group social gatherings, or simply have a place to relax and rest on campus between classes. Many of NYU's students (more than 10,000 undergraduate and over 15,000 graduate and professional students) commute considerable distances to school each day; we hear very compelling stories of students who have difficulty finding friendly places to study between classes, or simply eat lunch. Our offices attempt to make every accommodation to help these students be comfortable and productive on campus; but we are at the point where current resources have been stretched absolutely as far as they are able, and we continue to see increasing demand.

Graduate Students: Of special concern is NYU's graduate student population. While graduate students make up about half of our student body, we do not have many facilities dedicated to graduate students (in contrast to many peer institutions that typically feature a graduate student union or other specialized centers). This is truly an inequity for a group of very dedicated students who seek to be more involved members of the student body, but lack the space to fully participate.

Community Service: While about 24% of our students come to us from New York City metropolitan area, the rest come from around the country and over 130 nations around the globe. Some of our graduates will remain in New York City, contributing to the vibrancy of our city in fields ranging from finance to journalism to medicine to education. Others will go on to live and work all around the world. But all of our students, while they are at NYU, are members of the Greenwich Village and New York City communities. They are not "alien" to our local culture – rather, they inform it, participate in it, and embrace it. They live here, they spend money here, and they volunteer in service opportunities. Over 85% of NYU undergraduates will engage in some form of community service during their undergraduate career, spanning the range of activities from working in a soup kitchen, to assisting with a non-profit, in every conceivable aspect of the human condition.

Admissions: Finally, NYU is at a clear disadvantage when competing for the very best and brightest students from an admission perspective, due to current space limitations. Our peer institutions will often have double, triple, or even larger percent ratios of space for student activities outside the formal academic setting of the classroom and labs.

January 4, 2012

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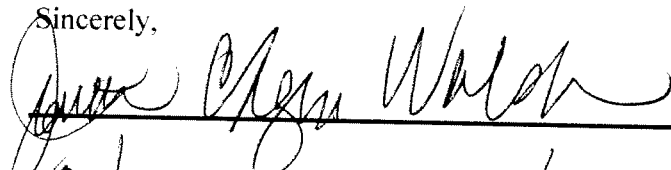
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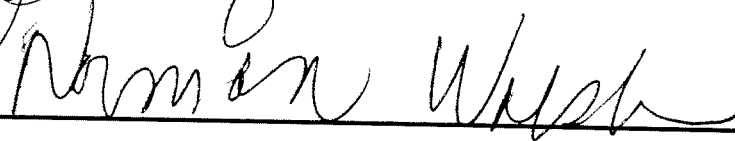
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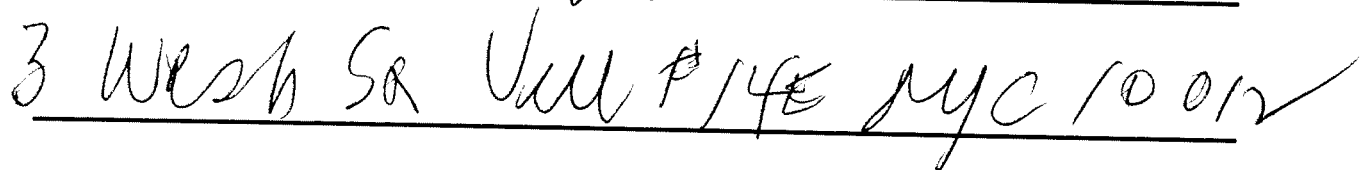
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New York, NY 10012

April 21, 2012

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The Hon. Amanda Burden, Chair

City Planning Commission

22 Reade Street 6 Fl West

New York, NY 10007

amanda.burden@cityplanning.org

Dear Ms. Burden:

We will be unable to attend the CPC NYU 2031 Expansion Plan hearing on April 25, 2012 but would like this letter to be made part of the public record in opposition to this plan.

The size and scope of the proposed NYU 2031 Plan would destroy all of the superblocks and the adjoining neighborhood and small business.

It would bring years of construction noise, toxic air, unsafe streets.

It would take our public spaces, our historic Sasaki Garden, our key park playground, our garage, our walkways and perhaps even the structural integrity of Washington Square Village.

The birds would be gone, the trees that the community and tourists so enjoy would be gone.

There are many others who will write and speak about the disturbing request for zoning changes and the fact that NYU has options.

We are a COMMUNITY. Any changes to any part of the superblocks would destroy our COMMUNITY.

NYU has spent millions on public relations but President Sexton has never met face-to-face with us and has consistently demonstrated disdain and disrespect.

Judith and Norman Walsh
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May 1, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden, Chair

NYC Planning Commission

22 Reade Street

New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

We are NYU retirees, alumni and long-time residents of Washington Square Village.

Please vote NO on NYU 2031! The very existence of our neighborhood, our trees, our plants, our streets, our health, our safety, our playgrounds, our light and air is in your hands and in the hands of the City Planning Commission.

We also believe that this plan will be detrimental to current and future NYU students faculty, and employees .

NYU expansion is WANTED AND NEEDED in areas such as the Financial District of Manhattan and the newly-emerging NYU presence in downtown Brooklyn.

Sincerely,


Judith Chazen Walsh


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Message: i live and have lived in the midst of nycs current footprint for nearly 5 decades. during that time constant expansion of both the campus and the population have become increasingly burdensome. the streets are clogged with nyc buses. the sidewalks are filled with food trucks. various historic landmarks have been either torn down or engulfed. please prevent what may be a fatal blow to this as a viable residential neighborhood.-- sandra wapner23 waverly placenew york, ny 10003

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Chair Amanda Burden and Members of the Commission.

I am here in support of New York University's development plan. As a private citizen now, but one who has thought and worked on New York City

Issues for most of my career, I think it is important to recognize the vital role educational institutions have played, and must continue to play, in the City's future. New York's fundamental strength has always been its ability to reimagine itself in the face of enormous economic changes, both nationally and internationally. To remain static in the face of change will leave the City stuck in its past, unable to meet new and emerging challenges.

One of the clear new strands of urban development is the notion of creative cities; that is, cities that amalgamate intellectual creativity across all sorts of sectors have demonstrated real economic expansion. In a sense, as manufacturing has left cities, and the financial services industry has diversified worldwide, the new urban economy is driven more and more by dynamic exchange of ideas and innovation. Much of this innovation is found in small startup businesses. But not all.

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AN INVASION ON OUR BLOCK BY NYU IN MICROCOSM - 4
OF THE APPROXIMATELY 20 HOUSES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
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Sincerely,



AND ACTIVITIES. WITH A GREAT NYU PRESENCE, I
FEAR THIS ATTITUDE AND AUDIOWESS ON A VILLAGE
WIDE SCALE. PLEASE VOTE TO CLUCB THIS MASSIVE
EXPANSION.

THANK YOU

JENN WARDLE
RAY MORTENSON
55 CHURCH ST
NYC NY 10014

100 Madison Boulevard
Chair of the City Planning Commission
97 Rondo St
New York, NY 10007

February 11, 2012

Re: NYC 2031 Plan

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Dear Mr. Biederman,

The demands of the 2031 plan, like earlier
with great success over the impact of NYU
2031 plan. This plan would reduce 2.4 million
square feet of construction, since people
don't identify a healthy community. The
community village and a lot of maintenance
throughout first that community of interest period
it simply unsustainable, and a subsequent
plan for the neighborhood.

We urge you to support the plan when
it comes before you for a vote.

The community is relying on your support
on this issue.

Sincerely,
Janice Cohen
Chairperson

NYC 2031 Plan

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The "absorption" of our neighborhood by NYU is of questionable value as the City has said. There is no interest in the quality of life (loss of parking, loss of public space, excessive density, etc.) and the loss of the character of the neighborhood. I am a deeply concerned resident!

Sincerely,

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Testimony of Malina Webb, NYU Student
Before the New York City Planning Commission
For the Public Hearing on the New York University Core Project

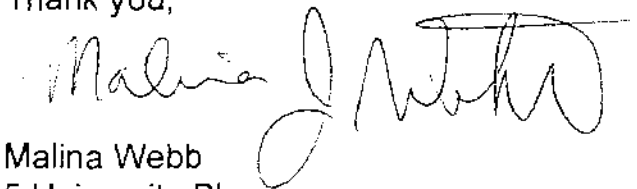
Dear Chair Burden and fellow Commissioners,

My name is Malina Webb and I am a rising senior at New York University. At NYU, students notice the lack of space. Speaking from the student perspective, I have seen this first hand as a resident assistant. I work at a freshman hall and I see students studying in the hallway, in abandoned corners of the basement level hallways and in the dining halls and common space. But even then, I hear complaints about the lack of space and the need for more areas dedicated to study. I sat on a focus group about Community at NYU last year, and many students echoed similar thoughts, and stated that more common space would encourage interaction and promote community amongst the student body.

Come finals and midterms, students in the library jockey for space and electrical outlets for laptops become extremely valued and protected items. If a student is not there at the right time, they may have to wait hours for space to open up. This seems ridiculous, but during finals and midterms it is not uncommon for study space to be difficult to find. The student body requires more space to study, to expand for extracurricular programs and student activities.

On a personal note, I babysit for many residents of the village community. I understand what it is like to live near this university (as I myself live in the residence hall off of Washington Square Park) and I have only seen positive impacts on the residents that I work for or with. Most are happy to have an intelligent babysitter who resides so close to home and is available. Many of the kids in the community look up to and aspire to be students at NYU. Many students volunteer and work in the community, at the local stores and restaurants. The students are just looking to continue doing what we have done as a part of the University, to continue to grow and learn at this institution of learning. The University has been a part of the village and the village is an integral part of the locational endowment of the University.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malina Webb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Malina Webb
5 University Place
New York, NY 10003

January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,

Dana Walden

50 East 10th St.

N.Y. N.Y. 10003

From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#); [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-731956766 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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This form resides at
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Contact Info: Yes
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Last Name: Weiner
Street Address: 64 MacDougal Street
Address Number: Apt 11
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State: NY
Postal Code: 10012
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Don't Join the Village!

Sincerely,

David Warner

666 Bleeker 4D

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Ruth Weinstock, alum

24 Fifth Ave

NYC 10011

April 12, 2012

To: Ms. Amanda Burden, Ms. Margaret Chin, Ms. Christine Quinn, Ms. Rosie Mendez, Mr. Bill DeBlasio, Mr. Tom Duane, Ms. Deborah Glick

Re: NYU Plan 2031 (revised)

The new plan that Borough President Stringer has supported is not acceptable. It will still destroy this oasis in the Village. It is hard to imagine 20 years of construction. There would be endless noise, dangerous sidewalks, cranes and rats. The only accomplishment would be a ruined community. NYU can expand in other directions where they will be welcome. The students should be able to walk a few blocks or ride on public transportation. They always did.

Please help the community to stop this endless discussion. Please vote NO.

Sincerely,



Norma Weisberg

One Washington Square Village
New York, N. Y. 10012

212-598-4930

Cc: Andrew Berman - GVSHP

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BLOOMING. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL. PLEASE
DON'T LET NYU DESTROY THIS COMMUNITY.
PLEASE COME SEE THEM.

Sincerely,

Wojana Wusberg
ONE WASHINGTON SQ. VLG.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

VOTE
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Ms. Norma Weisberg
1 Washington Square
New York, NY 10012

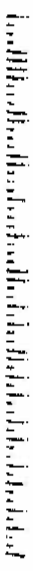
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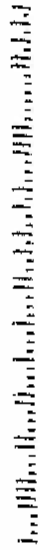
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*Hon. Frank B. Rowden
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DATE 4/9/2012

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I strongly urge you to VOTE **NO** on NYU's proposed rezoning plan for the 4th floor.

NYU plans to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space onto 4th Washington Square block – the equivalent of two more State Buildings – in an already overdeveloped, overpopulated, over-saturating neighborhood which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.

The reasons why NYU is seeking to do this are to allow the rezoning to allow zoning to open up the area to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved of neighborhoods in New York City, and to **res-entail** local, underpaid labor and to a private institution, and allowing additional private development in the area. Your rezoning would be just plain wrong.

There are better alternatives for the city. The NYU plan for the Village and NYU is to expand its campus to include the Financial District. We have asked NYU to consider that alternative location, where NYU's academic, cultural and housing facilities would be welcome and NYU benefits greatly from the Financial District's vibrant, healthy, white history and predominantly residential neighborhood. It is the only place in the city to do so and it is the only place that would which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and the city by voting **NO** on NYU's rezoning plan for the 4th floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

NAME

Be sure to include the information

ADDRESS



April 25, 2012

Chair Burden and fellow Commissioner:

I want to express my support for the NYU 2031 Core Expansion Plan. I have owned and operated a local business, Pop Pub on University Place, in Greenwich Village since April of 2011.

NYU's students, faculty and staff have been loyal customers of my business for since we opened in 2011, and I believe my establishment will benefit from the University's 2031 expansion plan. NYU contributes tremendously to the economy, energy and special nature of University Place, where my business is located, and I believe this plan will only improve the vitality of the area.

I urge you to support this plan as it is thoughtful, has been responsive to the community's needs, and is extremely important for both the University and the City. By building on their own property and not extending further into Greenwich Village, creating enhanced and more usable open space, and donating land for a future public school, the NYU plan serves the needs of both the University and the local community.

Thank you for your leadership, and I once again urge you to vote in favor of this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Weizmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan Weizmann

Owner
Pop Pub
83 UNIVERSITY PLACE
New York, NY. 10003

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Georgia Wever

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N.Y.C. 10001

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Sincerely,

We villagers have worked HARD for as long as I can remember - to keep our neighborhood safe & clean. We've done such a good job, NYU wants to steal our neighborhood again.
SHAME ON NYU - Shame what to
505 LaGuardia Pl. 5th fl. NYC

January 4, 2012

OFFICE OF THE
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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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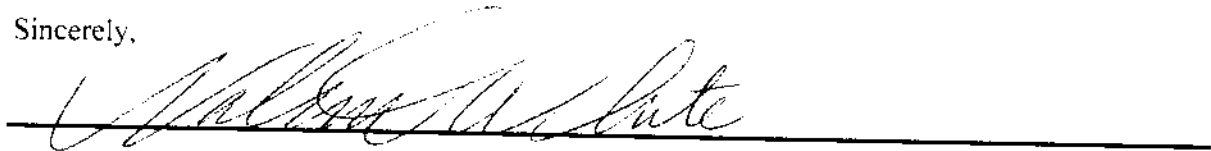
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Valerie White

14 E 4th St - 1103 NY NY 10012

Please save our neighborhood

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
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April 19, 2012

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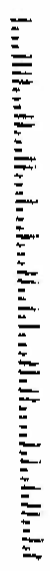
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Hon. Annette Pinder,
Chair, City Planning Commission
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January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,

Liza Whiting

234 West 13 Street

New York, NY 10011

February 6, 2012

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22 Reade Street
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*As a small group of young, sometimes
grandchildren by the sheer numbers
of graduates attending schools in
the area, we are deeply concerned
about the impact of NYU's expansion
on the neighborhood. We are
convinced that the current zoning
requirements are the best way to
protect the character of the
neighborhood and we urge you to
reject NYU's bid to overbuild and
undo long-standing neighborhood
zoning protections.*

Sincerely,

*Barbara Whitney
305 E 4th Street
New York, NY*

*#151
New York, NY
10012-2006*

*Please do not add
to the current density.
NYU's already residential
buildings are
the same. Small
ones to accommodate
more - without the
superblocks.
Thank you.
Please not us.*

Stanley A. (D) Green
605 LaGuardia Place, 2/F
New York, NY 10012-2006
212-677-8169

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

May 7, 2012

The Honorable Amanda Burden
Chair, City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 1007

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Dear Chairperson Burden:

As a resident of the Village and neighbor of New York University for most of my long life, I am writing to plead for your support of the quality of life this community now provides to residents and visitors alike. Please *vote no* on NYU's immense expansion proposal.

Tourists as well as New Yorkers stop to listen to the birds and enjoy the beauty of the small LaGuardia Place garden beside the supermarket. The proposed expansion would remove this oasis and add a great number of transients as well as residents to an area already crowded with people seeking to add, not lose, park-like space.

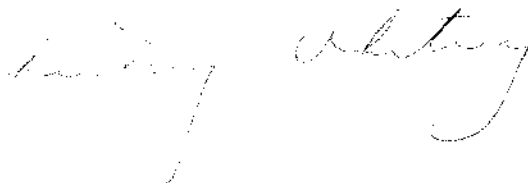
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In addition, I urge the Commission to examine a map where every NYU property, owned, leased, or rented / occupied or vacant, is tinted and ask how concentrated any huge corporate university entity should be within a local community.

Finally, please question NYU's fiscal capacity to see this project through. They had to sell their Bronx campus to pay staff salaries because they had overreached in a similar way.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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PAMELA WIDENER

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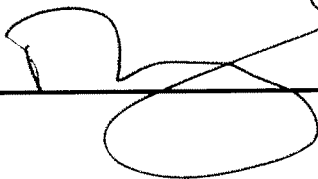
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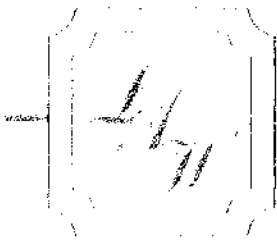
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Mike WIGOTSKY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Wigotsky", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.



LEONARD A. WILF

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Short Hills, NJ 07078
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April 16, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007-1216

Dear Chairperson Burden:

I am writing to express my strong support for NYU's plan to create academic space near its Washington Square core.

NYU is an internationally recognized research university; it draws talented scholars and students from around the world to New York, where they add to the city's vibrancy, diversity and innovation economy. NYU is also one of New York's largest employers – a source of exactly the kind of good jobs that New York's economy needs.

New academic space is crucial for the University to continue to achieve excellence in education and research. NYU 2031 strikes a thoughtful balance by providing the University with the space it will need over the next two decades while also addressing the concerns of its neighbors.

Strong universities are important for strong, thriving cities. I urge you to support NYU's plans as they proceed through the ULURP process.

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Wilf
Member, NYU Board of Trustees

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**Stan Williams, 77 Bleecker St., Apt 709
New York City 10012**

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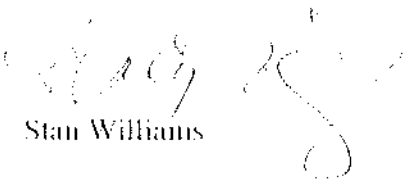
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As a resident of Greenwich Village, I want to go on record to say that I oppose New York University's expansion plan in my neighborhood. Not only are the planned buildings out of scale with existing structures, but they are also not necessary when there are other places in the city that would welcome their expansion.

While they say they want to build on their property, their plans to do so will be detrimental to adjacent properties and ruin a vital neighborhood that is essential to the flavor of New York City.

So please save Greenwich Village from the destructive path of NYU.

Thank you from a city resident and an active voter.


Stan Williams

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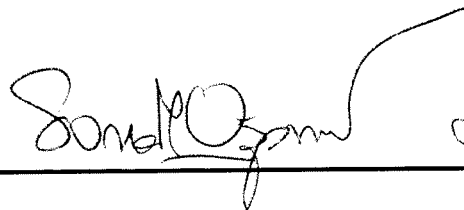
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 or Michael Williams

An outrage! Please do not let this happen!

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To: [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-730402629 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Other
Date: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:48:26 PM

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Subject: < No Subject >

From: cwilsonestates@aol.com (Tim Wilson)
Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Tim Wilson (cwilsonestates@aol.com) on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 15:42:25

This form resides at
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mailedcp.html>

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Topic: Other
Contact Info: Yes
M/M: Mr.
First Name: Tim
Last Name: Wilson
Street Address: 12 greene st
City: soho
State: NY
Postal Code: 10013
Country: United States
Email Address: cwilsonestates@aol.com

Message: As an Englishman in New York Im appalled at the Neighbour Hood Clearance Policy being pushed through by NYU.This is reminiscent of something from the Victorian era or that currently going on in areas of China.The impact of this Blitzreig style Development will destroy the delicate Social Fabric of the Village and Soho district.Please think long and hard about your decision, as the Impact of this proposed scheme will be devastating.

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May 1, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden

Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007

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Dear Chair Burden,

I am writing to ask that you **Vote No** on NYU's Expansion Plan in Greenwich Village.

I ask this because I live in Greenwich Village. I have lived here for 30 years. I am not a native New Yorker. I grew up in the mid-west in a small town where nothing old — nothing from the past is ever preserved. I love the Village because I can walk through Old New York everyday. This is a unique part of the city -- and NYU's Plan will destroy it - *forever*.

Though there are many issues about the plan which I would like to discuss - I will limit myself to three.

1. Public Land. NYU should not be given or entrusted with our public space. We have very little in this area. There is Washington Square Park — which after it's recent makeover is beautiful. However, it is also very crowded. During the school year it is saturated with NYU students - who regard the park as their quadrangle. On the weekends tourists, day visitors and uptown New Yorkers join the crowds. It is noisy and always full of activity. Though the park is a short block from my apartment, I rarely go there to enjoy the out-of-doors. Instead, I head for La Guardia Place and the super blocks. There it's quiet and peaceful. I sit at a café across the street from the public strip of riotous ivy on La Guardia and W. 3rd - that always makes me smile. Or I go to the Sasaki Garden to read under the trees. This section of the Village reminds one of the newer sections of Paris where they seem to always remember that green open space is so important for city dwellers.

Below are some photos which illustrate how NYU has maintained public space with which it has been entrusted. The Mercer Street public areas (in front of NYU's Coles Gym) have been in disrepair and permanently closed (chained and locked) for years. The La Guardia Place entrances to the Sasaki



Children's Playground in front of Coles Gym



Adult sitting area in front of Coles Gym



Locked Gate on Playground in front of Coles Gym



Locked Gate at La Guardia Place entrance to Sasaki Garden



Chain on Gate at La Guardia Place entrance to Sasaki Garden

Garden Area have likewise been chained and locked for years. Most people who pass by this area on La Guardia Place are totally unaware that there is a green oasis open to the public just beyond these locked gates.

Please do not entrust any more of our public open space to NYU. They have a history of not maintaining it and of not respecting the public's right to use it. Prior zoning which created these spaces for public use should be respected.

2. Commercial Overlay. The rezoning of the '**Loft Buildings**' for retail use would be hurtful to the surrounding area. The Village does not need more retail space. I live on West 8th Street - a mixed use street with retail on the ground floor of most buildings. For the last 10 years, store after store on the block has been empty. NYU retail would compete with our retail space and make the blight on my street - and other close-by traditionally retail streets worse.

Besides — **if NYU needs classrooms - why not turn all this extra space on the ground floors in their loft buildings into classrooms instead of retail?** Why build giant new buildings for classrooms when they obviously have extra space?

3. Hotel. I went to college in the midwest — where the school (of 32,000 students) did run a hotel on campus. However, unlike NYU, that school was located in a small town with only three motels. NYU has no need for a hotel on campus. There are hundreds of hotels in this city. There are many within walking distance of the NYU 'Core'. In fact - a new 100 bed hotel is now under construction on West 8th Street (1 short block from the Washington Square - 'Core'). A commercial hotel on Mercer Street would drastically change and not benefit in any way this residential neighborhood.

A footnote about Mercer Street - NYU is asking to build (within it's Zipper Building) — a hotel, a gym and a grocery store. That means that this one short block of narrow Mercer Street will have to accommodate a drop-off / pick-up zone for the hotel, a bus and van loading / unloading zone for sports teams etc. using the gym, and a truck delivery zone (and waste disposal area) for the grocery store. If this plan goes into being there will be no room for regular traffic on Mercer Street.

At your Hearing, on April 25, NYU officials and staff indicated over and over that they only want to be in the business of education. Yet this expansion plan would make them into commercial brokers and landlords, hotel operators, and trustees for public lands.

What NYU refers to as their 'Core' — Villagers refer to as our 'neighborhood'. We have tried for years to work with NYU to balance it's educational needs with the preservation of our unique and charming neighborhood. But the current expansion plan is too overwhelming. NYU is large and influential. We are mostly ordinary citizens who have fallen in love with Greenwich Village. We need the City Planning Commission's help to save our neighborhood. Help preserve this area from New York's past — for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Wilson

Carol Wilson

55 West 8th Street, New York NY 10011

*— Though I am currently the co-chair of the West 8th Street Block Association
I am writing this letter on my own behalf.*

From: outgoingagency@customerservice.nyc.gov
To: [CECILIA KUSHNER](#); [TAYLOR COYNE \(Intern\)](#)
Subject: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-744253534 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 9:10:01 AM

Your City of New York - CRM Correspondence Number is 1-1-744253534

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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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Topic: Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
Contact Info: Yes
State: NY
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Message: I've lived in Greenwich Village for 35 years and treasure the character of the community and the open space (although not abundant) it offers. I implore you to oppose zoning changes and changes in use of public land that would turn the neighborhood into an urban jungle and an unhealthy construction site for years, if not decades. Please keep the existing deed restrictions and zoning in place. As it is, Washington Square Village does not even meet current residential standards for open space to buildings. The impact of this monstrous plan would destroy forever qualities that have made the Washington Square area a lovely place to live. I'm sure there are other areas of the city, without dense residential populations already, that would welcome development by NYU. That's where they should build, Not in an area that's already populated and built to capacity. Don't let NYU change our neighborhood to the serious detriment of residents, small businesses, and tourists. Thank you, JoAnn Winer

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May 1, 2012

City Planning Commission
Calendar Information Office
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22 Reade St.
New York, NY 10007

OFFICE OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

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Subject: ULURP application numbers C 120077 MMM, C 120124 ZSM, C 120122
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N 120123 ZRM

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Thank you,
JoAnn Jody Winer
2 Washington Sq., Village
Apartment 10 G.
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From: [ALEXANDRA SUTHERLAND-BROWN](#)
To: [HANNAH FISCHER-BAUM](#); [DIANE MCCARTHY](#)
Subject: FW: City of New York - Correspondence #1-1-728708976 Message to Agency Head, DCP - Zoning and Land Use Questions/Information
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Subject: Message to Director, DCP

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April 23, 2012

Chair Amanda Burden
City Planning Commission
22 Reade Street
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Dear Chair and Commissioners:

The Gallatin School of Individualized Study is a small liberal arts college which is a part of the large research university that is NYU. We have 1400 undergraduate students and 200 masters students, making us about the size of Amherst College. With the help of faculty advisers, our students shape their own interdisciplinary courses of study, drawing on classes and professors from around the university. Our students take on average 50% of their classes in the Gallatin School, and 50% outside the School, selecting classes from all of the other Schools at NYU. Gallatin attracts highly qualified independent-minded students who include some of the very top-ranked undergraduates who attend NYU. To weaken our mission would weaken NYU both because of the loss of the ability to attract these students, who don't fit in traditional academic departments, and because of the loss of the interdisciplinary faculty, committed to research and teaching, whom we are able to attract.

The need for more academic space in NYU's core is very serious for Gallatin, and I would like to address four areas: 1. Student needs; 2. faculty office space and need for faculty growth; 3. Faculty recruitment; 4. Concern for our part-time faculty.

Gallatin Student Need for added academic space in NYU's Core:

As should be apparent from my description above, Gallatin students need to have access to classes from across the university. While some degree of movement over longer distances can be accommodated, classrooms that are in and around the core, for undergraduates especially, remain crucial for us to fulfill our academic mission. Students simply cannot build a curriculum involving classes in many different schools if they have to travel long distances between them. Already classroom space in the core is very limited, and were it to remain at the level it is now, it is clear that classrooms would need to be added at very significant distances from Washington Square. It would without doubt make our program more unmanageable and less attractive to students if they begin to find that they cannot schedule classes in close time proximity to one another. Gallatin is perhaps an extreme example of this problem, which presents an issue for all NYU undergraduates. Gallatin Masters students take about 85% of their classes in other schools, and for them, too, distant classrooms and faculty with offices in other parts of the city, would limit their ability to complete their programs of study in an efficient and timely manner.

Gallatin is committed to a small class model of instruction, and so we offer about 135-150 small classes a semester, each of which needs a classroom. If space for classes does not expand, we will be forced to consider abandoning a central part of our identity, and to turn to lecture classes that accommodate more students at one time and use fewer classrooms. Lectures are very valuable educational tools, and our students have this educational experience elsewhere in NYU. But we offer the small college experience to our students, and we stake a lot in our recruitment of top students on being able to offer small classes and seminars to students for those classes they do take in Gallatin.



Thus a significant part of our quality depends on access to classroom space, both in our vicinity for our own classes, and in the core for the courses taken outside our School.

In the Gallatin building, student space for learning, for collaboration, for classes and for workshops is very limited. Not a week goes by without a student lobbying me for additional space, whether for co-curricular activities, or central academic ones. We await with eagerness the moment that the university can find additional space for some of the other academic units in our building, so that we can acquire one additional floor and to alleviate this pressing need. Only development like that proposed in NYU's Plan 2031 can in fact make this possible for us.

Faculty office space and need for faculty growth

We have now reached the moment where we have no new faculty office space in Gallatin or in rented space we have acquired to help deal with this space crisis. We have been supported by the university in expanding our full-time faculty in the past 5 years, an expansion important in part because it has allowed us to diminish our need for part-time faculty. Increasing the full-time faculty size is in my judgment crucial to continuing to maintain and increase our quality because our model depends on intensive advising, and full-time faculty are the only ones who can make the time commitments we need for high quality advising. However, we cannot hire new faculty without having office space for them. If things do not change, I predict that we will face a very real struggle to avoid a diminishment of quality. We also may have to return to a situation in which a higher percentage of our faculty are part-time. Across the nation it is clear that moving to as many full-time faculty as possible is seen as a goal and a value for universities, but in our case we have a university willing to move in this direction, and an inability of the School to do so because of the specific space limitations we face.

Faculty recruitment

One example: Two years ago I recruited a very high-powered chaired professor from another institution. This faculty member asked in the course of the recruitment process if I would promise that he/she would be able to have a windowed office in the Gallatin building. I was unable to offer this in the first year, but promised I'd find a way for the second year, and I was able to attract the professor to Gallatin. I would be completely unable to make such a promise today. Indeed, I would find it difficult to promise an office at all without displacing other faculty and asking lower ranked faculty to start sharing offices. While this may not sound terrible, I can assure you that nothing is more important, especially in New York City, for the success of faculty research, not to mention student advising, than sufficient private office space. Lack of space for growth at Gallatin will certainly have a very detrimental effect on my ability to recruit high quality faculty. All the deans face this issue very intensely if in our own ways. Faculty office space, and some of the related spaces needed for the research and work they do, is crucial to our success as a university.

Concern for our part-time faculty

A final concern for us as a school which continues to rely on a significant base of part-time faculty is the loss of available office space for them. Each year we have been forced to diminish the number of offices we can make available, and to diminish the hours that these offices are available for their use. This is a real hardship for our very committed and long-term part-time faculty. I respect them and value very highly their contribution to the School and to the learning of our students, and feel that it is

crucial that we work immediately to alleviate this problem. The added academic space to be provided by the 2031 plan will allow all of the Schools of NYU in the Core the chance to have access to additional space which will, in turn, allow us to provide what would be a more appropriate amount of office space for our part-time faculty.

For all of these reasons, from the point of view of my School, I strongly urge you to support NYU's plan 2031.

Yours sincerely,


Susanne L. Wofford

Dean, the Gallatin School, NYU

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January 4, 2012

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Sincerely,

Katharine B. Wolpe

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New York, NY 10003-7537

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April 18, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden
Chair, NYC Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
New York, NY 10007
fax: (212) 720-3219

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As a 30 year resident of the Village, I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive revised proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan would overwhelm and oversaturate a residential neighborhood and turn it into a twenty-year construction zone. It would eliminate public park space and break the agreements under which NYU was given the formerly public land they now own which prohibits exactly the type of development the university is now proposing. NYU has repeatedly demonstrated in the past that they are not honorable neighbors when it comes to protecting the livability of the Village and they should not be rewarded now with huge exceptions to the rules they seek to change in their favor.

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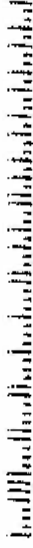
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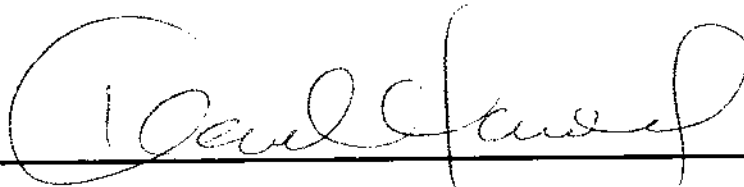
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Please stand up to the monical NYU trustees.
No one wants this, not the faculty, not the
students. Don't be part of our obsequy
- help democracy live in our neighborhood

Sincerely,



RACHEL YARMOLINSKY

88 Bleecker Street NYC

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February 6, 2012

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NYU's arrogant bullying of its Greenwich Village neighbors is an excellent example of what is wrong with big business, (and government) in America today. Its actions should be included in all Urban Studies/City Planning curricula.

Sincerely,

Kara Yeager

505 LaGuardia Place 4B

New York, NY 10012

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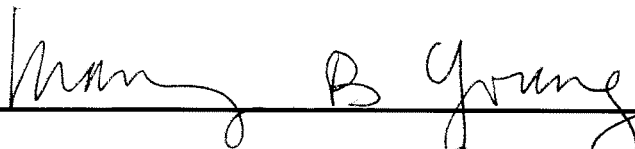
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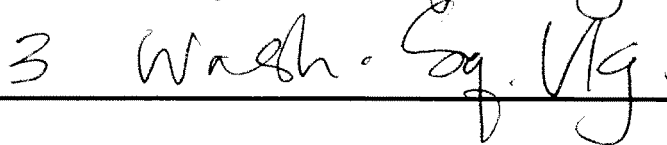
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To:

Chair of the City Planning Commission
22 Rode Street
New York, NY 10007

I am very strongly opposed to the 2012
Expansion Plan. It will destroy village and
local businesses. Communities are already
undergoing huge transformations. They are moving to
the liberal class. It is questionable why it all needs
to expand. If they do there are areas in Manhattan
that will benefit from the new development
will start area out there.

Sincerely,

Varyn L. L. L. L.

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City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden
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New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Burden:

I strongly urge you to VOTE NO on NYU's massive proposed expansion plan in the Village.

NYU's plan to add nearly two and a half million square feet of space south of Washington Square Park – the equivalent of the Empire State Building – would have a devastating impact, oversaturating neighborhoods which are already oversaturated with NYU facilities.

The means by which NYU is seeking to do this are equally disturbing. Lifting zoning requirements to preserve open space in one of the most park-starved areas in New York City, upzoning a residential area, transferring public land to a private institution, and removing urban renewal deed restrictions, as NYU is requesting, would be just plain wrong.

There are better alternatives for the city, for NYU, and for the Village if NYU is to expand. Community leaders in the Financial District have asked NYU to consider their area for expansion, where NYU's academic, cultural, and housing facilities would be welcome and are needed. Growth potential in the Financial District is nearly limitless, while historic and predominantly residential neighborhoods like the Village, East Village, SoHo and NoHo clearly have their limits, which NYU has more than met.

Please protect the character of our neighborhood and REJECT NYU's bid to overbuild and undo long-standing neighborhood zoning protections.

Sincerely,

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May 3, 2012

Hon. Amanda Burden, Chairperson and all Members of the New York City Planning Commission, City Planning Commission, Calendar Information office, Room 2E, 22 Reade Street, New York NY 10007

Re: Opposed to NYU Core Expansion Project, ULURP Application Numbers 120122 ZMM, N 120123 ZRM, N 120124 ZSM, 120077 MMM

Corrected Copy to My April 25, 2012 Written Testimony opposing NYU's 2031 Expansion Plan ("the Plan").

Dear Commissioner Burden and Members of the City Planning Commission:

I have lived in Washington Square Village ("WSV") with my family for over 30 years. My husband is a tenured full professor at NYU Medical Center. We are members of the WSV Tenants Association and the LaGuardia Corner Gardens. I strongly urge you to say no to NYU's massive expansion plan for the super-blocks and, in particular, implore that you not give NYU the blank cheque they are seeking by rezoning any part of the super-blocks and northern loft blocks from residential to commercial. Time does not permit me to specify all my objections to the Plan, which, whatever NYU's true needs for academic space, is simply hugely too bloated and disruptive for an already densely populated and successful residential area, even if we are today considering only the NYU Plan as modified by NYU's putative agreement with Borough President Stringer to give the original Plan a 16% to 21% haircut. (Incidentally, it surely subverts the democratic aspect of the ULURP process to allow NYU to present at these public hearings a Plan that is entirely ambiguous as to whether it has had this quite modest haircut or not).

SHADOWS AND ZONING

In particular, I am very concerned about the vast increase in shadows and the loss of natural light that the Plan, if allowed to go ahead, would cause. To approve the plan and, specifically, to approve the rezoning from residential to commercial requested by NYU, would be to simply ignore the primary reason that the historic Zoning Resolution of 1916 was passed in the first place, namely, to give the denizens of Lower Manhattan protection against loss of natural light caused by the unrestrained building of massive towers there. If this could happen in WSV and Silver Towers, it can surely eventually happen

wherever there are "tower in the park" residences in New York City. (Maybe Stuyvesant Town will be next).

The 4 towers NYU wants to build on the super-blocks will, as NYU has acknowledged, leave the LaGuardia Corner Gardens at the intersection of LaGuardia Place and Bleecker Street in almost constant shadow, and thus worthless as garden space, (except possibly to grow mushrooms), and cause hundreds of people who live in the interior part of the WSV complex, on all but the highest floors, to experience their residential lives as those of troglodytes, whatever the time of day or season. The zoning laws, if nothing else, are meant to protect City residents against such loss of light and air. I implore you to say absolutely no to NYU's outrageous attempt to do away with our existing precious residential zoning protections in the Village.

OPEN SPACE and WSV Children's Playground

My second major concern is with the part of the Plan that would destroy the beautiful, tranquil and renowned roof-top garden in the center of the WSV complex, widely known as the Sasaki Garden, and the Children's Playground to the immediate east of the Sasaki Garden, known as the "Key Park". To destroy the former would be an act of total philistinism, unworthy of any institution, let alone one that holds itself out to be a university proud of its self-proclaimed "green" credentials. To destroy the latter, the enclosed Children's Playground, even if only in 10 years time, would also be a devastating blow to the quality of life in our residential community.

As determined by CB2, the area covered by CB2 has a smaller ratio of public open space per resident than any other part of the whole of New York City, with just one exception. (In this connection, please do the sensible thing and cast of cold eye over NYU's patently and embarrassingly jesuitical arguments for the conclusion that building millions of additional square feet on the 2 super-blocks miraculously ends up by creating more "open space" than existed before! So, please, just say "No" to the so-called "Boomerang Buildings" designated as the "LaGuardia" and "Mercer" Buildings in the most recent iteration of the NYU Plan. Please save the hugely popular Children's Playground, that serves children of the Village as well as Soho, and the superb Sasaki Garden along with its mature flowering dogwoods, Washington hawthorns, japanese higan weeping cherry trees, flowering crabapples, japanese maples, rhododendrons, azaleas, juniper hedges and superb avenues of London plane trees running on the north-south axis along both sides of the Sasaki garden along a part of the old pre-1959 street grid that NYU also seeks in its Plan to erase.

On the Sasaki Garden, see "Rehabilitation Plan for The Garden, Washington Square Village, New York University", by Ellen Jouret-Epstein, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Amherst, MA (1959). Copy attached in package to follow.

See too my article in the Villager, Vol. 79, Number 46, April 21-27, 2010 entitled "Don't Destroy our Oasis in the heart of the Village" in which I publicized the designation of the Sasaki Garden by the Cultural Landscape Foundation in their list of culturally significant urban landscapes that are currently at risk. Copy attached in package to follow.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

There are serious health and safety concerns about the Plan that NYU has failed to address anything like adequately. Most notoriously, the Plan envisages turning the 2 super-blocks into an enormous noisy and dirty construction site for about 20 years. This is an intolerable prospect for the thousands of residents of the super-blocks as well as an entirely disrespectful stance towards the many NYU faculty members who live in WSV and Silver Towers. The dust and noise will be unbearable and dangerous to the health and well-being of the residents and those who work here. NYU has apparently offered to install thicker glass windows and special A/C covers into some of the apartments to mitigate these problems. But even if such measures might reduce some of the construction noise and dust, how will that help with all the dust caused by heavy construction if we want to go out or even onto our terraces or breathe without masks over our faces for the next 19 or so years? Please ask yourselves what you would feel about a plan that made you live in a construction site for 20 years for scant or ill-defined beneficial private purposes? If NYU gets its way, many faculty members will leave, especially those with young families who do not want to expose their children to such living conditions throughout all their childhood years. Recruitment of outstanding young faculty members will become much more difficult. NYU's Plan will thus not truly benefit NYU itself, or New York City in general, because it will kill the Village goose that lays the golden egg.

FIRE LANES

Another less obvious but equally serious health and safety concern is that NYU's Plan apparently does away with the two fire lanes that exist between 2 WSV and 4 WSV and Mercer Street. WSV's 2 unusually long buildings have entrances that only permit the entry or egress of vehicles of 10 feet of height or less under them - far too low for fire engines to enter or exit. For that reason, there has always been clear entrance and egress for fire engines through the

existing fire lanes, and even quite recently, when the strip of land owned by D.o.T. along Mercer Street between West 3rd Street and Bleecker Street was enclosed to create the LMNOP play area, the Fire Department stipulated that gates be installed to permit fire trucks to access or exit from these fire lanes onto Mercer Street. On the current Plan, NYU has turned the northern fire lane into a "tricycle park" with trees in the way of any means of entry or egress there. This surely must not be permitted. Say no to destroying the existing fire lanes in the WSV complex. NYU must go back to the drawing board at the very least in this respect so that it is absolutely clear how fire engines could drive into and out of the areas that are now fire lanes to access apartments in the interior parts of WSV.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON MERCER STREET

There has, in my view, also been inadequate analysis of the effect of the Plan on traffic congestion, both during and after the projected 19 year construction period. The so-called Zipper Building will apparently accommodate, inter alia, a new supermarket, (to replace the Morton Williams supermarket that will be destroyed under the Plan when NYU builds the "Bleecker Building"), a very large and academically unnecessary hotel, a huge new theater (according to Mary Campbell Schmidt, Head of Tisch School of the Arts, at a public hearing at PS 41 earlier this year), and a gym below ground level. However, this will surely mean that there will be heavy delivery trucks, big buses for the visiting university teams, taxis with hotel guests and theater patrons, construction vehicles, and regular downtown traffic all vying for space on the quite narrow downtown lanes that currently exist on Mercer Street between Bleecker and Houston Streets. Even when the construction is finished, this will be a traffic nightmare as NYU does not even seem to have planned to have loading docks for the deliveries to the promised supermarket there, let alone turning spaces for trucks to unload. (This stretch of Mercer Street is already very congested sometimes, especially when buses/coaches of visiting sports teams park there for access to the existing Coles Gym, which apparently will have some sort of replacement in the proposed Zipper building).

Since NYU has not said exactly what will be housed in the Zipper Building beyond those uses mentioned above, it is hard to know how to even construct a satisfactory analysis of the impact of the Plan on traffic on this small stretch of Mercer Street, although what is known permits one to reasonably conclude that the effect on the traffic flow there and down into Soho will be simply appalling, both during and after construction. So please consider also "zapping" parts of the Zipper Building from the Plan, until modifications to the Plan and a proper analysis shows that the traffic flows down Mercer Street and down into Soho will

be tolerable for residents and any normal passing users of this important route downtown throughout the construction period and on beyond 2031.

The NYU Plan also calls for the elimination of almost half the parking spaces in the underground parking garage of WSV. The elimination of these spaces will likely increase the number of vehicles that circle around the northern super-block looking for somewhere to park thus further adding to fumes and congestion in the immediate area long after the construction is finished.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS AND JOBS

Early in its presentation of its Plan, NYU has a chart showing how much less space per student it has than those at universities such as Princeton and Yale. But these institutions are in relatively small towns with lots of country around them, not in a highly successful residential and historic part of a major world metropolis like New York City. NYU should recognize this reality and come to terms with it, not by trying to shoehorn millions of square feet into the already congested two super-blocks and thereby destroying them as a livable residential area of the Village, but by improving the City by expanding elsewhere, such as in downtown Brooklyn where NYU already has a science presence in an up-zoned area, or in the Financial District, where NYU is needed and very much wanted, according to Julie Menin of CB1.

If NYU were to expand by building in the Financial District, Brooklyn or some other up-zoned area of the City in need of development, there would be plenty of jobs too, so NYU's much vaunted, but entirely specious, argument from the creation of jobs is of no avail either in this debate, so should be entirely ignored.

GREEN "STRIPS" FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT

I am in full agreement with CAAN's position that there should be no taking or using of the publicly owned "green strips" between Third Street and Bleecker Streets and Bleecker Street and Houston Street along Mercer Street and La Guardia Place. These strips, that are currently owned by the City's Department of Transportation, are precious open spaces to the local residents, where true green open space, as opposed to dark concrete plazas with a few etiolated plantings, is a rarity. These strips really belong under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks ("Parks"), not the Department of Transportation, and should be transferred to Parks to preserve this precious open green space for future generations to enjoy.

My sincere thanks to you, Commissioner, and all the other CPC Members for

taking the time to consider all the points made above.

Sincerely,

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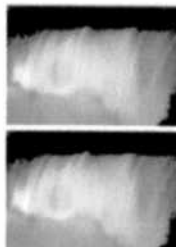
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Talking Point

Don't destroy our oasis in the heart of the Village

By Sue Taylorson

I write concerning certain aspects of your editorial entitled "N.Y.U.'s grand plans" in The Villager's April 7 issue.

You state that there are some positives in what New York University is proposing and then go on to identify the first of these so-called positives as N.Y.U.'s commitment to create a 600-seat public elementary school on one of its superblocks.

I do not contest that a new public elementary school would help alleviate the overcrowding in School District 2. But why should it be regarded as a positive if, as a quid pro quo for building such a school, N.Y.U. destroys the very popular children's playground at the eastern end of the Washington Square Village complex or the beautiful and tranquil garden in the center of the complex?

Children need playgrounds as well as schools. One should not be built at the expense of destroying the other, especially in an area that is at least arguably more short of attractive, safe, ground-level playgrounds than good public schools.

I would also note that the garden, designed by the internationally renowned firm of Sasaki, Walker and Associates, was most recently feted in The Cultural Landscape Foundation's (T.C.L.F.) list of culturally significant urban landscapes that are currently at risk.

T.C.L.F.'s Landslide article of Oct. 16, 2009, describes the central garden of Washington Square Village as "an oasis within the busy Greenwich Village area of New York City" that offers "relief from the expanse and height of the twin Washington Square Village buildings on the northern super-block." The article goes on to state: "(c)ompleted in 1959, the design is an early project for a firm strongly associated with the Modern movement and displays an exceptional harmony of architecture, landscape architecture, and art. Today the modernist design is threatened by the current owner's proposal to insert a series of buildings into the garden spaces." In this context, it is surely more than a little ironic that the motto of T.C.L.F. is "stewardship through education."

The T.C.L.F. article also notes that when Sasaki passed away in 2000, both The New York Times' and the Los Angeles Times' obituaries referenced the importance of the Washington Square Village garden as a working, enduring landscape, and that today, more than five decades after its construction, the garden continues to provide a refuge from the dense cityscape for the residents of Washington Square Village and the surrounding neighborhood.

For the record, I note that the garden and playground were very significant considerations in my husband's decision to accept a tenured position at N.Y.U. in a science lab that required that he live near work, when considering the needs of his then-young family members. If N.Y.U. wishes to attract talented young academics to the university, it would be well advised to leave the gardens and playground in Washington Square Village well alone.

In a section of the article headed "Threat," the article points out that open space is a crucial

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element of tower-in-the-park design, and that the Washington Square Village garden is an essential part of the overall superblock's design. Referring to N.Y.U.'s published plans that propose building a plinth and tower to replace the Sasaki-designed garden and 20-story building(s) that would replace the children's playground to the east of the garden, T.C.L.F. states, "Such insertions would enormously affect the light and air circulation within the garden, dramatically changing the existing plantings' environment and ruining its role in social interaction."

The article concludes with the surely correct statement that destroying the Sasaki designed garden or overshadowing it with a tower to the east is simply unacceptable. For the full article, see <http://tclf.org/landslides/washington-square-village>

I strongly urge N.Y.U. to take the opinion of T.C.L.F. to heart and reconsider the philistine concept of destroying either the Sasaki-designed garden or the children's playground in Washington Square Village. I also very much hope that my local councilmember and the Manhattan borough president come to realize the great importance to the community of more than 1,200 families that reside in Washington Square Village, as well as to the general neighborhood, of preserving the light, air, space and beauty of both the garden and playground.




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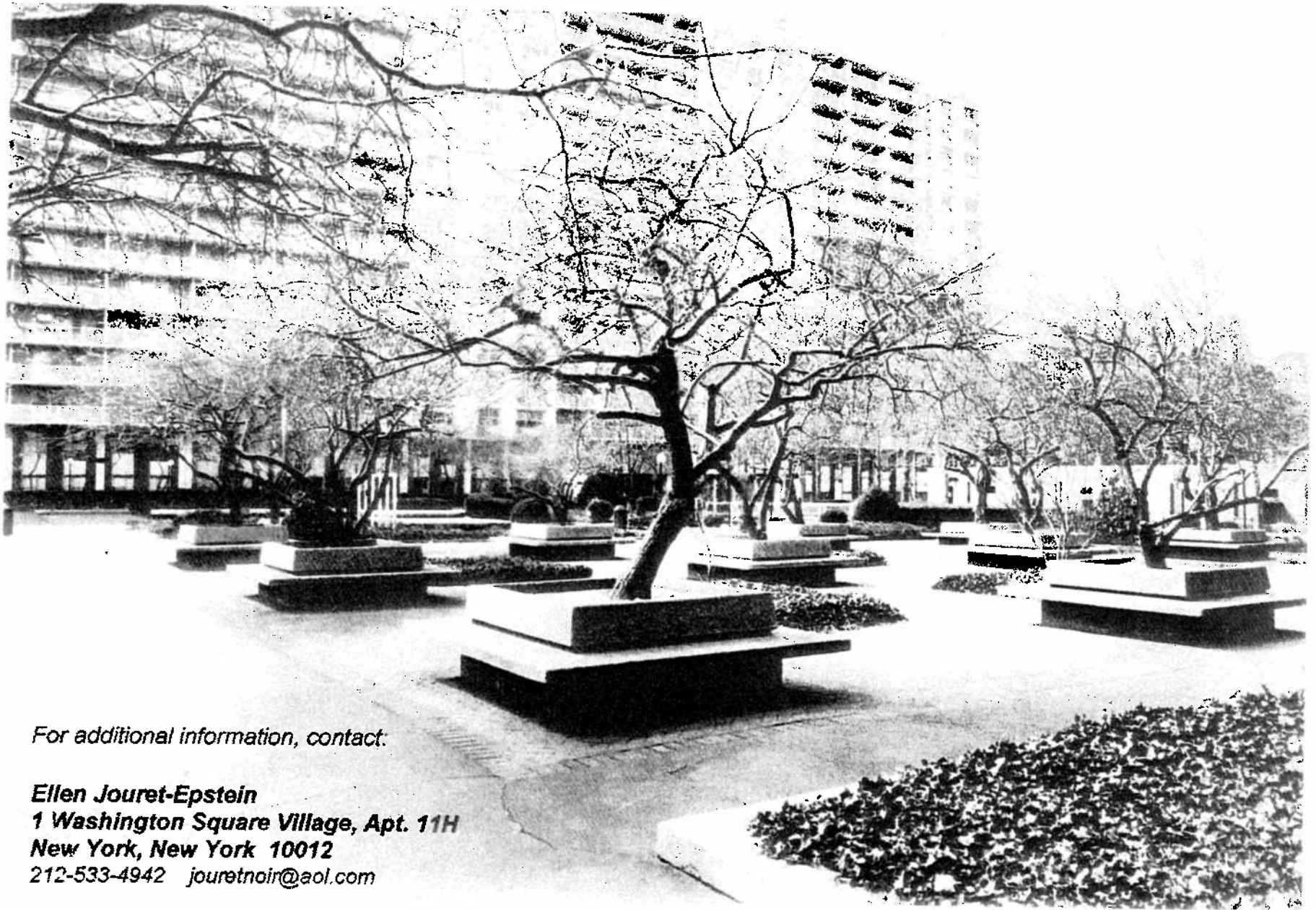




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Not least of all, the Board of the Washington Square Village Tenants Association, and the Garden Advisory Group, with the leadership of Tom Mathews, offered the first-hand observations and enthusiasm that are irreplaceable for a project of this kind. A special thank you to tenants Bertha Chase and Henry Gordon for providing early photographs of the Garden, some of which are reproduced here.

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Introduction

The one and one-half acre Garden at Washington Square Village, completed in 1959, is a unique private amenity in New York City. It was designed as an integral part of this modernist apartment complex in Greenwich Village, and was one of the early parking structure roof gardens to be built in this country. New York University purchased Washington Square Village in 1963, and today the Garden is for the private use of its residents--a mixture of University faculty, staff, and graduate students, along with many original tenants.

The Garden's structures and major tree plantings are in relatively good condition for an urban landscape, reflecting the wisdom and expertise of the designers, the landscape architecture firm of Sasaki, Walker and Associates, working with the architect Paul Lester Wiener. Features like a seating *bosquet* of Crabapples, a sentry trio of Higan Cherry trees, and flanking allees of London Plane trees, offer a rare grace in this dense urban setting one block from Washington Square Park. The Garden ensures air space and light for the enclosing apartment blocks, and the buildings protect the Garden from winter and summer climate extremes, traffic noise and exhaust, and the wear and tear of overuse.

Because the Garden was well-conceived--and has been appreciated by generations of tenants--it has survived without exceptional care, even through a serious drought period in its early years. But through attrition and considerable *ad hoc* planting, the Garden is now showing its age. Furthermore, its historic interest has not been documented, so without a comprehensive plan to guide its future care, even well-intentioned modifications could seriously compromise the Garden's integrity. The goal of this report is to restimulate interest in the Garden and to encourage New York University to take steps to preserve and enhance this special property for both its historic value and its enduring pleasure to residents.

The landscape architects Sasaki, Walker and Associates, were a young firm in the late 1950's when they undertook the project at Washington Square Village. Hideo Sasaki, Peter Walker, and others of their associates were teaching at Harvard's Graduate School of Design when the Dean, Jose Luis Sert recommended them to his former partner, Paul Lester Wiener. Sasaki and Walker would form separate firms within a few years, and they and their many associates have gone on to have a major influence on the development of the field of landscape architecture since that time. Their contribution to the Garden gives special value to efforts to preserve it.

Washington Square Village was built well before recent advances in information technology, and almost no original materials exist that document its design evolution and construction. The archives of Paul Lester Wiener, held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, have yielded some working drawings and related correspondence, some of which is reproduced here. Mr. Hideo Sasaki has shared his memories of the project, as has Peter Walker, and Marvin Adleman, Cornell University, one of the firm associates who worked on the Garden. Other sources of information include original press and magazine coverage as well as early tenant photographs and tenant interviews. The Garden base plan was redrawn from measurements taken in August, 1997, and Existing Conditions Plans--Layout, Materials, Utilities and Planting--are based on that field work. This report constitutes the only comprehensive documentation of the Garden that is known to exist.

Finally, although the scope of this report is limited to the rehabilitation of the central Garden at Washington Square Village, this does not overlook the need for a comprehensive landscape plan for the entire development. This complex is one of the few examples in New York City of housing so well integrated with open space, and the only one from its period. The architecture and landscape were conceived jointly and should be maintained with equal care. Tenants have been especially active in this regard. The playground area was redesigned recently through the initiative of resident families, and retains its mature tree plantings. Another tenant and community initiative undertook the greening of the LaGuardia Place commercial strip. In addition to the work recommended here for the Washington Square Village Garden, the public face of the complex--along Third, Mercer, and Bleecker Streets-- deserves reconsideration as part of a streetscape that includes forty years of architectural additions to the New York University campus.

About the Report

This report is presented in four sections:

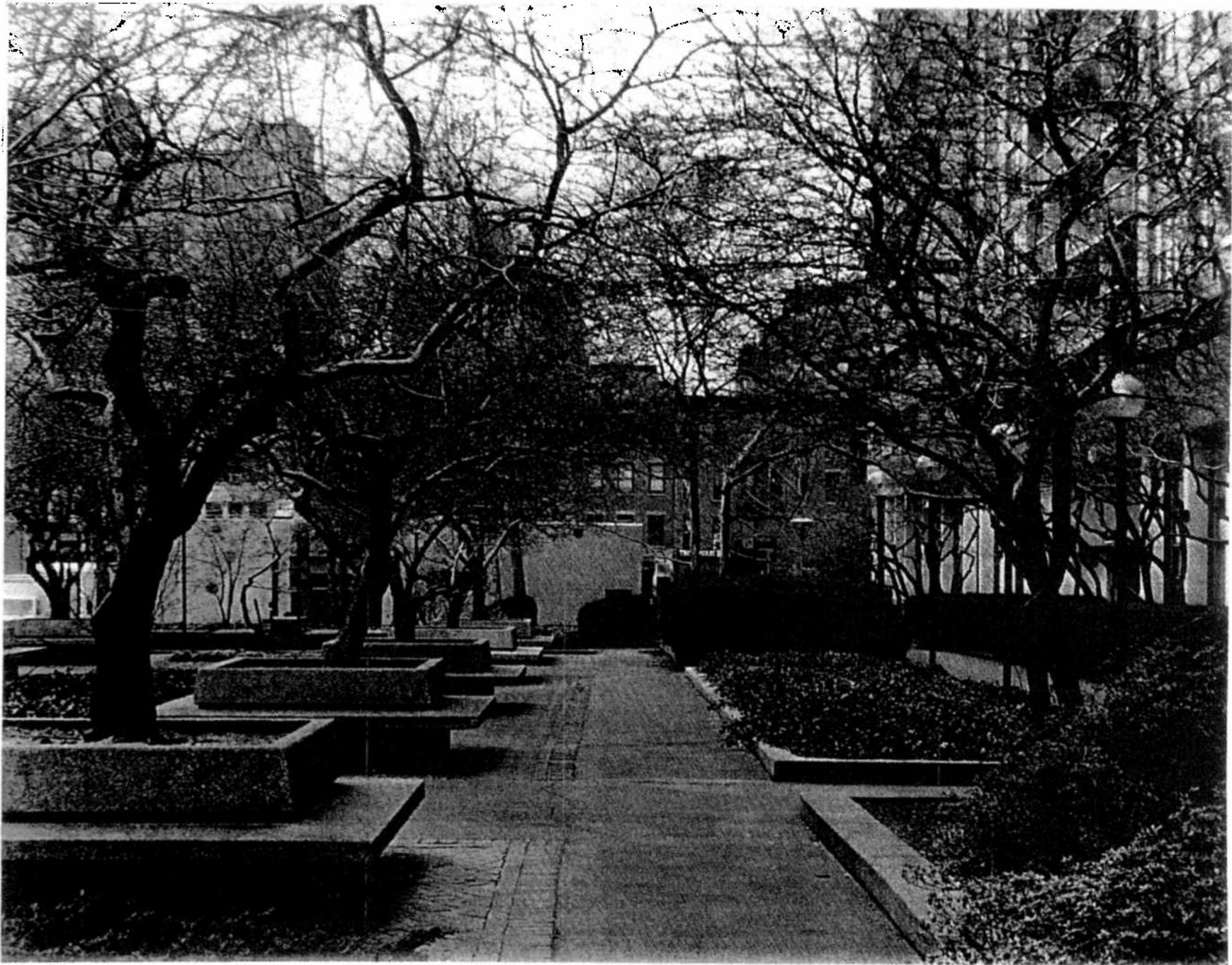
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Section I, Summary, presents the rationale for undertaking the project and for the rehabilitation approach, and summarizes major recommendations.

Section II, Site History, includes histories of the Garden and of the Washington Square Village complex. The design development of the Garden is documented with early drawings and photographs.

Section III, Existing Conditions, summarizes the assessment of the Garden's current condition and notable problems, which form the basis of the rehabilitation approach. The current Planting Plan is included here, while Layout, Materials, and Utilities Plans are found in the Appendix.

Section IV, Rehabilitation Plan, sets out both general recommendations and specific strategies, illustrated with schematic, plan, and section/elevation drawings. These recommendations take as their starting point the Garden's original design and design intent, interpreted to meet both the needs of today's users and the opportunities and constraints posed by a public/private amenity of this kind. A six-year phased approach is suggested.



I Summary

Overview

Beyond its intrinsic pleasures, the Garden at Washington Square Village is also valuable as one of the few intact modernist landscapes in New York City. The involvement of major landscape architects, Hideo Sasaki and Peter Walker and their associates--those known to have been involved include William Johnson, Charles W. Harris, Marvin I. Adleman, Richard P. Dober, and Lawrence Walquist, Jr.--also argues for attention to be paid. Efforts to preserve modern built works are a relatively new development, and arguments for landscape architecture preservation are rarely made at all. The case of Washington Square Village raises many of the complex issues involved in preservation because it was a highly controversial development in the recent history of Greenwich Village and was fought by neighborhood advocates in the 1950's. With the distance of nearly forty years, it may now be an easier matter to evaluate the successes and failures of the complex. Certainly the Garden is a central feature of its success.

The National Park Service, through its Historic Landscape Initiative, has articulated four potential treatments for historic landscapes to guide preservation efforts--*preservation*, *rehabilitation*, *restoration*, and *reconstruction*.¹ *Rehabilitation* is recommended when "alterations or additions to the property are planned for a new or continued use, and when its depiction at a particular period of time is not appropriate" based on a documentation plan. These recommendations for the Garden at Washington Square Village are based on consideration of the original design and design intent, with modifications to better accommodate continued use.

¹ Birnbaum, Charles. "Cultural Landscape Preservation: New Challenges For Honesty & Accuracy." *Traditional Building* 7.2 (March/April 1994): 34-36,40.

Evaluation and Recommendations

The challenge of formulating a rehabilitation plan is to respect the historic integrity of the Garden, and to meet its practical requirements, while also providing for the pleasure and comfort of its everyday users. The Washington Square Village Garden is loved by old and new tenants, who use it on a daily basis--to walk, relax in the sun or shade, gather with friends and family, read, play chess. With the involvement of the Tenants Association, many residents have come forward to express interest in the Garden and to offer observations and suggestions, especially for features that will maintain and enhance its value as a bird habitat (one tenant reports siting more than 43 species.)

It is fortunate that the Garden retains its original structures and major tree plantings. No history of problems--with water leaks, for example--has been reported in conversations with management and staff, and the Garden was built to carry considerable weight, before advances in technology and the advent of lightweight soils. The most notable problems that do exist are:

- *The original design scheme has been compromised through attrition, and through ad hoc plantings and site improvements.*
- *Garden maintenance is insufficient despite the efforts of the assigned staff.*

The Garden is sufficiently intact to make it possible to deduce a great deal about the original design, and these hypotheses have been substantiated and augmented by historical research. New planting, restored lighting, and new choices for some existing site furniture--e.g. trash receptacles, signage--can restore the integrity of the design scheme. Improved maintenance will require budget and staffing decisions based on a comprehensive plan, for which this report is a start. In addition, two areas of the original design are now less than successful: the fountain, and planted areas to the southeast and southwest. These areas call for more significant changes while respecting the original design intent.

The Garden in 1959 consisted of strong architecture emphasized and layered with a simple palette of plants. The modifications recommended in this report *extend the original design*, but with *additional plant varieties*, and largely *restore the original lighting and fountain design*. Then, as now, trees were the primary design

element--they locate the Garden, create shelter, and offset the scale of the surrounding architecture. Shrub plantings create line and edge, while ground cover plantings alternate with hardscape as a simple platform for the dimensional elements of the design. Recommendations include:

- Tree and shrub replacement to restore key areas of the original design.
- New tree plantings to extend biomorphic elements inserted tentatively into the original design, and to continue the overlay that softens the dominant architectural scheme.
- New shrub plantings that preserve their original role but add softness and enclosure.
- Ground cover plantings, and some new design modifications--for the fountain, and southeast and southwest path areas--that consider aesthetics as well as practicality and contemporary use.
- Plant choices that emphasize form, four-season interest, and food sources for birds.
- Restored lighting.
- New choices for site furnishings.
- Maintenance recommendations that offer a pragmatic regime for an urban garden.
- A six-year phased approach, suggested for budgeting purposes and to minimize the disruption in any one year.

Next Steps

The management of Washington Square Village is very concerned with basic structural and security issues in the Garden and recognizes this amenity's value to the complex. Management has already responded to tenants' concerns with a willingness to invest in other improvements beginning in the next budget cycle. However, major improvements and long-term maintenance will require the will of New York University to invest in this real estate asset. This report is an effort to interest the University on that level. It proposes a preliminary plan as a platform for further development, with rehabilitation construction carried out under the supervision of a qualified landscape architecture firm. A well-conceived maintenance plan with staff training and supervision is essential, or any investment in rehabilitation will be short-lived. Beyond the University's own resources, the Washington Square Village Garden should have great potential to interest private donors among alumni with special interests in design, architecture, and landscape architecture.



Washington Square Village under construction.. Wiener Collection, University of Oregon Library.

II Site History

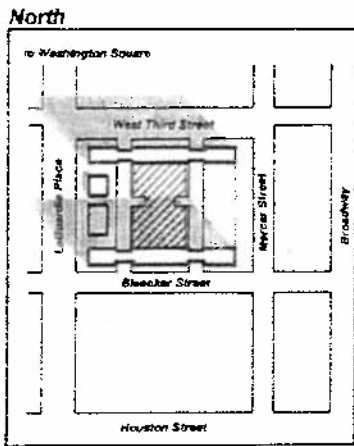
*Washington Square Village*²

In the years following World War II, rapid suburban growth went hand-in-hand with major changes within cities like New York. In fact, in the year 1960, New York was set on an entirely new course with the revision of its original 1916 zoning ordinance. This cut into the old urban fabric by encouraging the isolated building towers and left-over spaces that are now taken for granted in the urban landscape and criticized as the downside of the modernist legacy. By 1960--Frank Lloyd Wright's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum finally opened in 1959--modernist design had finally gained ground from the older urban aesthetic that had carried over from the 19th century in New York City.

In the post-war growth economy, construction on a grand scale threatened the existing cityscape, and there was an increasing awareness of historic preservation by late 1950's. Two pivotal figures stand out at this time. Jane Jacobs was an editor at *Architectural Forum* as well as a Greenwich Village activist when she wrote her book, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* in 1961, critical of the new urbanizing trends. On the other hand, "master builder" Robert Moses represented the planning establishment at that time as New York's Planning Commissioner and Parks Commissioner, among other posts, an unheard of concentration of

² This section compiled from contemporary press coverage in *The New York Times* from the period 1956 to 1964; magazine articles including, "Washington Square Village, New-York." *Architecture d'Aujourd'hui* (April 1960) with introductory essays by Siegfried Giedion and Jose Luis Sert, and "Under Construction. Modern Village for Manhattan." *Interiors* (February 1958); and the books, *New York 1960*, Robert A.M. Stern et als (NY: The Monacelli Press, 1995), and Robert A. Caro's *The Power Broker* (NY: Knopf, 1974).

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*Washington Square Village
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power today. Moses would see his reputation devolve somewhat in this period, from that of the progressive public servant to the arrogant power broker, during his scandal-ridden tenure as Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Slum Clearance.

The Commission was created to handle New York City's administration of urban redevelopment funds, made available through the Title I Program of the Federal Housing Act of 1949. The Act provided federal subsidies as an incentive for local governments and private financing to redevelop rundown urban areas and build the improved housing that was in such great demand in the post-war period. At the same time, there was also a building boom in more luxurious housing, which created large numbers of at least superficially better buildings to cater to more affluent residents. The origins of Washington Square Village are situated in the overlaps of these

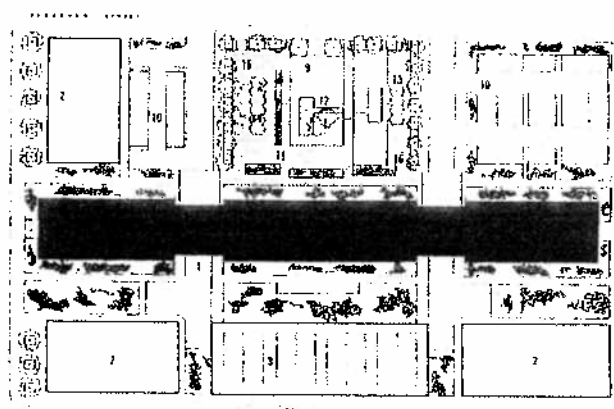
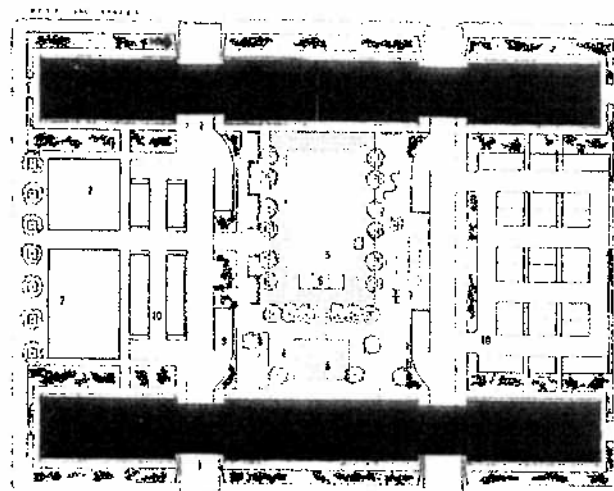
two housing trends--a slum clearance project built with federal financing incentives, but designed for the new Greenwich Village. The Village has been known as a bohemian enclave throughout the 20th century, but by the late 1950's it was also becoming a destination for young marrieds and more affluent professionals. By 1959, 20 apartment houses were planned or in construction in the Village, most of them private developments. All were large and threatened the district's small-scale, historic character.

In the early 1950's, Robert Moses began to promote a plan to completely redevelop more than 40 acres south of Washington Square Park, including areas of the Central Village and what is known today as SoHo.

This included plans for Washington Square Gardens, a middle-income development with 13, 19-story apartment towers, and a moderate-income development to the south. Equally extraordinary was Moses' idea for widening West Broadway into a Lower 5th Avenue, with the roadway cutting right through Washington Square Park. There was a mixed response overall--the New York Times supported the proposal in the spirit of modern planning practices--but Village residents protested vigorously and the project was ultimately scaled back, first by eliminating the southern portion, thus saving SoHo.

Although the roadway proposal was ultimately defeated, it was still in play when Washington Square Village went into construction. Only about 12 acres of land were finally purchased to build the complex. With that, the idea for a series of isolated towers evolved into three 600 foot linear slabs with 2,000 apartments as well as open space and play areas, a parking structure roof garden, and commercial development. Paul Lester Wiener was named as the project's site planner, with S.J.Kessler and Sons as architects and engineers. Kessler was removed from the project early on because of a financial scandal involving another Title I project, and Wiener became the architect of record. At the recom-

Early concept plan for Washington Square Village.



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| 1 Apartment Building | 9 Underground Parking |
| 2 Commercial Building | 10 Terraced area |
| 3 Parking Garage | 11 Plaza No. 2 |
| 4 Plaza No. 1 | 12 Plaza |
| 5 Terrace | 13 Central Children's Play Area |
| 6 Recreation Building | 14 Outdoor Coffee Shop |
| 7 Children's Play Area | 15 Terraces, Benches, Landscaping |
| 8 Outdoor Sculpture Garden | |

mentation of Wiener's former partner, Jose Luis Sert, then Dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Design, the young firm of Sasaki, Walker and Associates was named Landscape Architect.

*Washington Square Village
and the Silver Towers.*



While still under construction, Washington Square Village continued to be dogged by variety of controversies and Robert Moses, eager for the project to go forward, saw to it that it was dedicated before the second building was completed. Tenants then initiated a lawsuit over construction

problems and unfinished work. There were continuing complaints in the community over the properties razed to clear the land, about the scale of the project, and about the use of the Title I program to build relatively luxurious housing. An ambivalent editorial in *Interiors* magazine noted that the plan "solves many of the problems of present day city living by providing light, air, color, spaciousness, landscaping and privacy within minutes of midtown Manhattan" but questioned how it would change the neighborhood character.³ At one point, Swiss architect William Lescaze made accusations that his design ideas had been appropriated without due credit.

Finally the developers may have tired of the ongoing problems, and a deal was struck to complete the complex with just two buildings. The parcel to the south of Bleecker Street was then sold to New York

³ "Under Construction. Modern Village for Manhattan." *Interiors* (February 1958) p. 16.

University, which commissioned I.M. Pei to build the better known Silver Towers. The University would purchase Washington Square Village as well in 1963, and today it remains housing for faculty, staff, and graduate students, along with many original tenants.



The garden under construction. Wiener Collection, University of Oregon Library.



Model showing early scheme for the central garden. Wiener Collection, University of Oregon Library.

The Garden⁴

The Garden at Washington Square Village was reportedly built for \$500,000 in 1959. From correspondence during design development, as well as from recent conversations, it would seem that Paul Lester Wiener played at least some role in the layout of the plan. His partnership with Jose Luis Sert in the firm Town Planning Associates, was known for its urban plans for a number of Latin American capitals, working under the principles of the *Congres Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne (CIAM)*. In an article, "Can Patios Make Cities?"⁵ Wiener and Sert describe their approach as an urban adaptation of the principles used in building the planned community at Radburn, Pennsylvania. Wiener's architectural concept for Washington Square Village was probably more influenced by his European training--he was born in East Germany and trained in Vienna and Berlin, arriving in New York City in 1913--and the modernist habit of rigid building arrangements for maximum solar orientation. But Washington Square Village would be an example of their ideas for revitalizing urban neighborhoods with private, inward-looking residential spaces. Such a strategy would be denounced by urban designers today--walk along the perimeter of Washington Square Village and you feel that the buildings have turned their backs on the street (two city streets have been privatized as driveways). But, walk inside, and you find a secret garden.

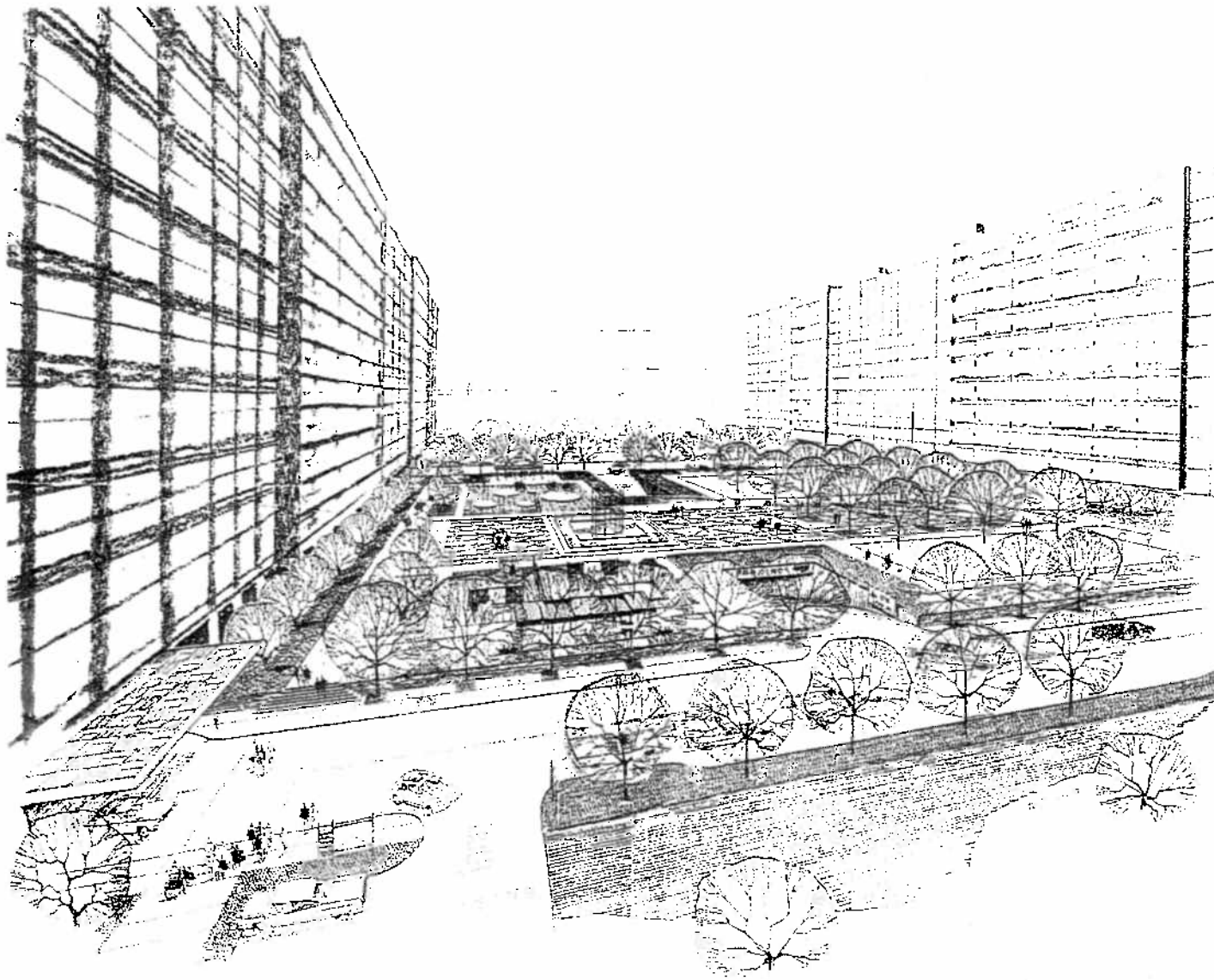
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Design Development

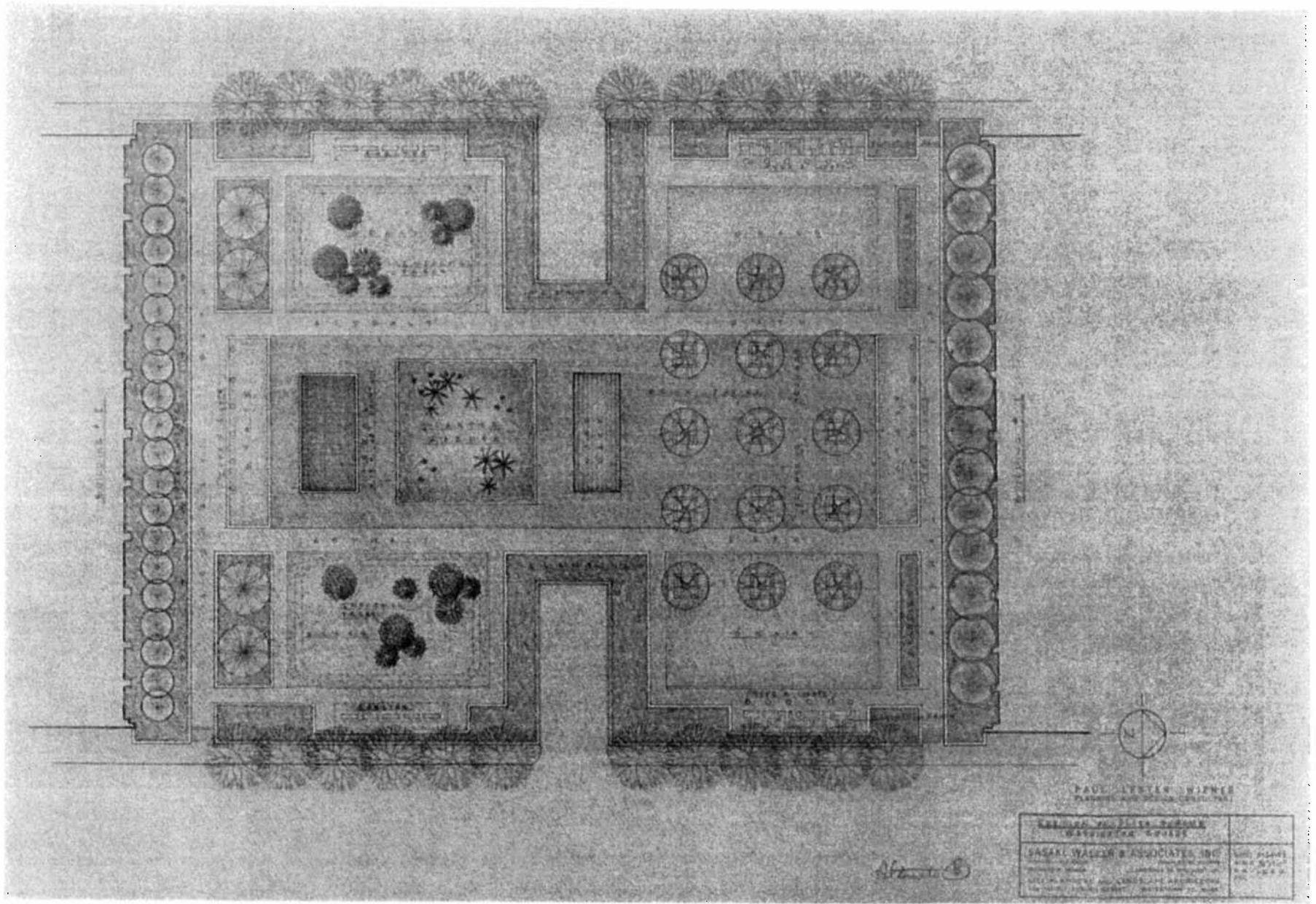
As built, the design of the Garden is a variation on the second of two schemes known to have been developed. A drawing by William Johnson

⁴ Compiled from interviews with some of the designers and early tenants, early photographs, and archival material (photographs, sketches, plans, and correspondence) from the Wiener Collection, The University of Oregon Library.

⁵ *Architectural Forum* (August 1953).



Concept sketch signed "W. Johnson '58". Wiener collection, University of Oregon Library.



Garden plan, "Revision of Plaza Scheme," labeled "Alternate B". Dated "2-24-59" and drawn by "L.W.W. Jr.", listing associates Marvin I. Adleman, Richard P. Dober, Charles Harris, and Lawrence W. Walquist, Jr., for Sasaki, Walker & Associates, Watertown, Massachusetts
 Wiener Collection, University of Oregon Library

for Sasaki, Walker and Associates dating from 1958 shows the general layout we recognize today, but with a greater emphasis on hardscape in the central and southern sections. A rendered plan dated February 24, 1959 is perhaps the penultimate iteration, with added planting areas, but less resolved central features. Drawn by Lawrence Walquist, Jr., it also lists Marvin Adleman, Richard Dober, and Charles Harris as the associates on the design team.

The constructed garden shows something like a composite design, an effort perhaps to soften the strong basic rectilinearity of the scheme. The gridded layout of the Crabapple *bosquet* to the north contrasts with a biomorphic approach to the planting, landform, and new path system at the south end. They meet at the center in a wholly modern, layered and radiating pattern of stone and concrete platforms. The overall design may be weakened by this gesture at compromise, but contemporary users say that they appreciate the softened lines.

Planting Design

The original plant palette emphasized softly layered, architectural plant forms with four-season interest, especially Spring flowering trees: Japanese Crabapple (*Malus floribunda*), Higan Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella 'pendula'*), Chinese Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis*), and other small flowering trees. Fall coloring harmonized with red and yellow glazed brick on the building facades. Many Asian varieties were included, and the effect would have been similar to a Chinese or Japanese brocade, on which a strong structural weave is softened with an overlay of blossoms.

At some time in the Garden's first decade, Azaleas were substituted for turf in perhaps two of the northern beds. Along with the original plantings, these struggled through a prolonged drought period with water use restrictions during the 1960's, when three of six symmetrically planted Higan Cherries died as a result. Two Crabapples were lost through

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vandalism and replaced with other varieties in about 1963. Photographs show the Juniper perimeter plantings still struggling as late as 1973.

Today the garden appears surprisingly lush to anyone who knew it 40 years ago. It offers ample shade in the hot summer months and continuing interest through the winter months. But a closer look reveals many dead or dying varieties and a haphazard approach to replanting, poor pruning practices, and inadequate watering, feeding, and mulching. It has nevertheless proved to be a good bird habitat. The original fruiting tree varieties are good food sources, and--by design or by accident--so are many of the miscellaneous varieties added over the years. The challenge of successful rehabilitation will be to design replanting and maintenance that both preserves the Garden's historic interest and maintains it as a healthy habitat.

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Construction and Site Improvements

While no structural plans exist, the Garden's present condition is evidence of its solid construction. There are over 30 major trees or shrubs including two Silver Maples (*Acer saccharinum*) over 30 feet tall. The parking garage is constructed with piers approximately 25' on center throughout, and the Garden takes advantage of this layout. The planting beds are evenly distributed throughout. Although the depth of soil is unknown without excavation, it would appear to be from 2' to 3' deep.

Asphalt, relatively lightweight, is used for the major path system, alternating with herringbone brick laid over six inches of compacted gravel. Curbs and site improvements such as seat planters, built-in benches, tables and chairs, and the fountain appear to have been constructed wholly or partially on site of exposed aggregate concrete. Pergolas and trellis are hollow, squared steel posts, painted white. The Pergolas are roofed with slatted wood, originally weathered gray, then painted red and now green.

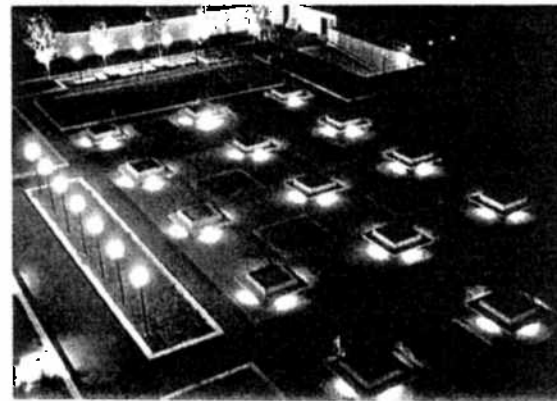
The fountain, now painted aquamarine, appears to have gone through at least two phases. Photographs show an original elegant design of ten jets (reported to have been six meters high). This form was lost by 1970, and today one jet remains working. Until recently the fountain also featured multi-colored lighting.

The original fountain with jets 6 metres tall.



Wiener Collection, University of Oregon Library

The Garden's lighting was a significant part of the original concept. Most of the globe light standards are intact, although clear globes are sometimes substituted for the frosted. The seating planters had built in lights at their bases that apparently have been removed, as they are cemented over. There is evidence--through existing fixtures or base plates, as well as early photographs--of path and area lighting throughout the original garden although none presently works. Some lighting standards of miscellaneous design have been added over the years. And signage and trash receptacles, also later additions, and are among the most unsightly details in the garden.



Courtesy of Berntha Chase

The original lighting design.

III Existing Conditions

Description

The Garden is the heart of this multi-block development south of Washington Square Park, bound by LaGuardia Place, and Bleecker, Mercer, and Third Streets. The complex consists of two slab structures, a two-story underground parking garage with rooftop garden, playground, and adjacent commercial development along LaGuardia Place. The Garden functions somewhat as an interior courtyard, set approximately four feet above street level on top of the parking structure. It is bounded on the north and south by the four buildings of apartments housed in the two 17-story slab structures--"Superbuildings on superblocs" as they are described in the *AIA Guide to New York City*⁶. Wooster and Greene Streets, truncated by University developments to the north and south, serve as driveways for the complex on the east and west sides of the Garden.

The garden soon after construction.

The Garden's severe rectilinear design is drawn from the building architecture, whose massive scale is counteracted by strong horizontal lines of exterior balconies and registers of glazed brick in red, yellow and blue. The approximately 200' x 300' plan is notched on the east and west sides where driveways descend into the garage (see Layout Plan, Appendix). Taking the analogy of a theater, this creates a proscenium frame for the center of the Garden, where a "stage" of four overlapping stone and concrete



Courtesy of Bertha Chose

⁶ Third Edition (NY: Harcourt Brace, 1988).

platforms is set in a square of ivy. South of this is a pool and fountain, originally designed with a backdrop of ten six meter water jets. North of the central platforms is the Garden's *bosquet* of fifteen Japanese Crabapples (*Malus floribunda*) in seating planters, interspersed in checkerboard fashion with low beds of English Ivy (*Hedera helix*). The *bosquet*, like the auditorium of a Renaissance theater, is a place to see and be seen--both a locus and a vantage point for viewing the rest of the garden. These features are flanked with rectilinear planting beds, beyond which more private seating areas are set in along the planted perimeter.

Original perimeter seating.



The Garden is entered by stairways at each of the four corners; there is no direct access from the apartment buildings. The "ground" of the garden, its path system, is paved in asphalt. The central features--bosquet, platforms, pool--are set on paved rectangles of herringbone brick. Seat planters, benches and tables, pool, curbing and stairs are exposed aggregate concrete (see Materials Plan, Appendix). The original lighting consisted of globe standards, most of which are intact, and low area lights--"mushroom" fixtures-- several of which remain but are no longer working (see Utilities Plan, Appendix).

The garden's major plantings function to soften the scale and severity of the buildings' architecture. Allees of London Plane trees (*Platanus x acerifolia*) along the east and west driveways mediate between the height of the buildings and the garden level. Trees within the garden introduce the human scale, and were chosen for their Spring flowering and year-round architectural interest. The north and south garden "walls" along the building elevations consist of lines Hawthornes (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*) fronted

by Juniper hedges (*Juniperus chinensis*) that distract you from the buildings' height and protect the privacy of tenants. Juniper, along with turf and English Ivy (*Hedera Helix*), was used originally as the principle ground cover. The other original plantings are the Crabapples and the trio of Higan Cherry trees (*Prunus subhirtella 'pendula'*) whose symmetrical twins were lost in the early drought. Other original flowering trees can only be guessed at from photographs.

Assessment

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To any passerby, the Garden appears lush and inviting in summer. And indeed, with its emphasis on trees, the Garden was built to come into its own in maturity. It is especially exuberant in the spring, with its rich succession of white bloom. Yet autumn brings a new understanding of the role of color, as the leaves and fruit of the Hawthorne trees make sense of the herringbone brick paving and glazed brick on the building facades. And the strong architecture of the design scheme and plantings holds our interest throughout the winter months.

The Garden is sufficiently intact to show much of the original design, and research has confirmed hypotheses about original plant materials. Today, all original structures and major tree plantings are in place, although the original design scheme has been compromised through attrition, and through ad hoc plantings and site improvements. While structural plans do not exist, the Garden must be soundly built given its present day condition. Fully mature trees such as the Silver Maples are growing well with no apparent problems to themselves or to the garden structure, even without benefit of advances in building technologies and lightweight soils. No history of problems--with water leaks, for example--has been reported in conversations with management and staff.

Nevertheless, a closer look reveals conditions that can be expected after forty years of normal wear and tear, as well as some that can be remediated

or avoided with regular and appropriate maintenance, following guidelines for plant replacement and rejuvenation.

Yews around the garage entry.

When plants have been lost, so have elements of the original design scheme. For example, the Juniper hedge on the south end, an important architectural element, has died off on its west side and was replaced mostly with spotty Yews. Similarly, the simple plantings around the garage entrances have been redone at least twice, most recently with Yews that aren't likely to fill in to cover the unsightly fence (which, admittedly, was not screened in the original design), and two different varieties of Yew were planted there.



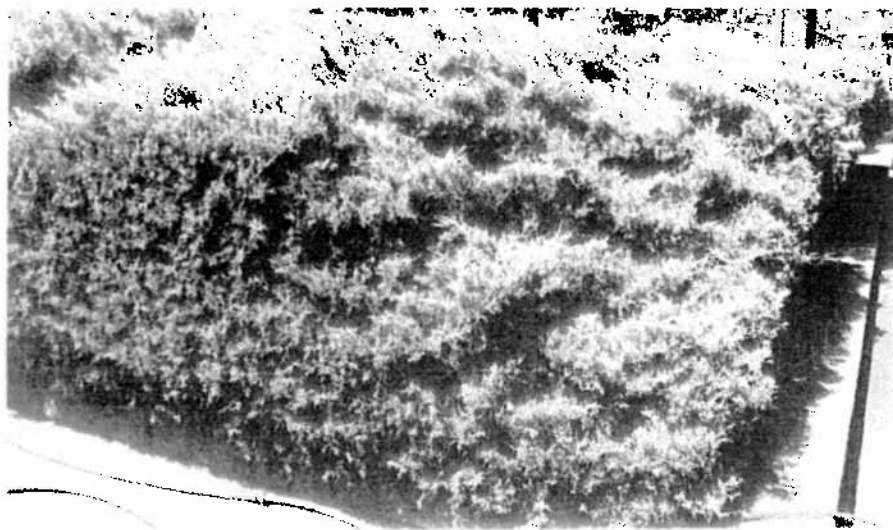
The path areas in the southeast and southwest corners were intended to have a simple canopy of small flowering trees set in turf. These have been replanted with a miscellany of shrubs and trees that don't relate to one another or to their setting. Dogwood trees set in the centers have asphalted paths covering and compacting much of the soil to their driplines, and one of these is clearly ailing. A small willow, while graceful, is a poor choice for a roof garden where water is scarce and root damage is a potential hazard.

Guidelines should be set for replanting. Some major plants are dead or ailing and should be removed quickly. Those areas can be reconsidered to conform with design guidelines for the Garden and, where appropriate, replaced with varieties to match existing plantings. For example, two weak Crabapples--replacements after the original trees were vandalized in the early 1960's--need replacing again, and with the appropriate variety, *Malus floribunda*.

Some areas have been replanted haphazardly. In some cases tenants may have installed favorite plants that now go untended because they are so labor intensive. A policy could be established for tenants to participate in the Garden, but with guidelines that ensure a good choice of plants and good maintenance. Hybrid tea roses, for example, can't be maintained to their best advantage without considerable care as well as chemical applications that would disturb the fragile ecology that exists. Rhododendron require a moist, highly acidic environment--both conditions that are extremely difficult to maintain in an urban roof garden environment.

Routine cultural practices are not up to date or not always appropriate. The Yews planted recently around the garage entrances are too heavily mulched close to their trunks, which can result in health problems, and the layer of plastic mulch underneath will prevent any improvement to the soil as the organic mulch breaks down. In other areas the soil is just left bare, compounding problems with watering and feeding, and should be mulched, with renewals as needed.

Juniper with form ruined by electric shearing



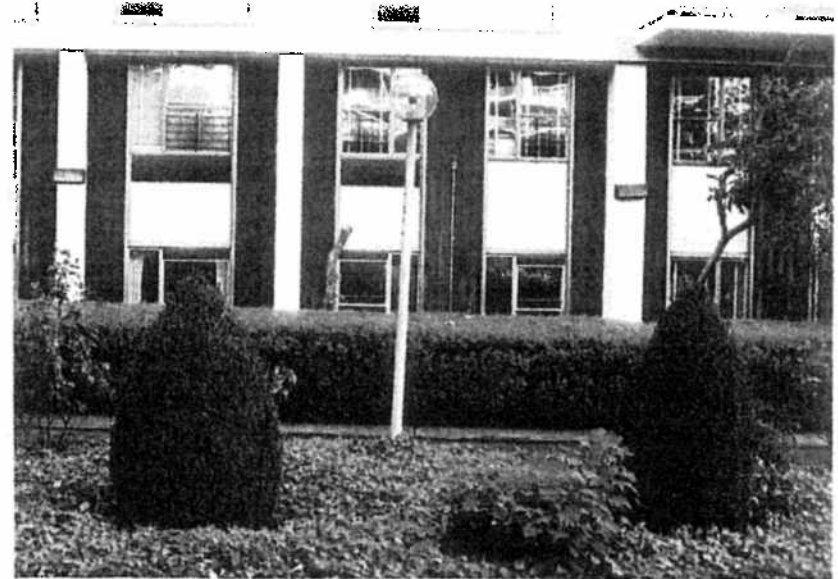
Elsewhere, overpruning is one of the most problematic practices. The Garden was planted originally with varieties that have softly layered, architectural forms. They are best shaped by hand pruning as needed to control their size, and some that are too oversized now can be replaced with new, more compact cultivars that have been developed in recent decades. The current practice of electric shearing at various times throughout the summer months deforms the plants' natural shape and texture, creates added stress in hot weather, and entails more

maintenance than is necessary given the number of shearings that take place. In some cases, a topiary effect has been created that is stylistically inappropriate for this Garden.

Tree pruning has been inconsistent. Crossing, rubbing trunks and awkward angles among the Crabapples are evidence that early pruning was neglected. It is too late to improve on these conditions now without destroying the tree profile, but these trees require more sensitive pruning now as a result. The recent top pruning was good practice overall, evidenced by the rich bloom that resulted. The seating planters are heavily rooted now and regular top pruning is needed to maintain the health of the trees..

On the other hand, the Hawthornes to the south of the Garden were too heavily pruned at the same time. These trees were already in a weakened state, given their northern aspect and the minimal feeding and watering they receive. Compounded by recent alternating years of drought and extreme winter cold , heavy pruning may have caused several more to die. The entire line should be replaced. The designers apparently compensated for the northern aspect of this planting in two ways: the width of the bed is 24 feet as opposed to 20 feet on the north end. This will permit replanting further out from the building edge and increase sun

Topiary effect inconsistent with the garden's period.



Missing Hawthorne trees.

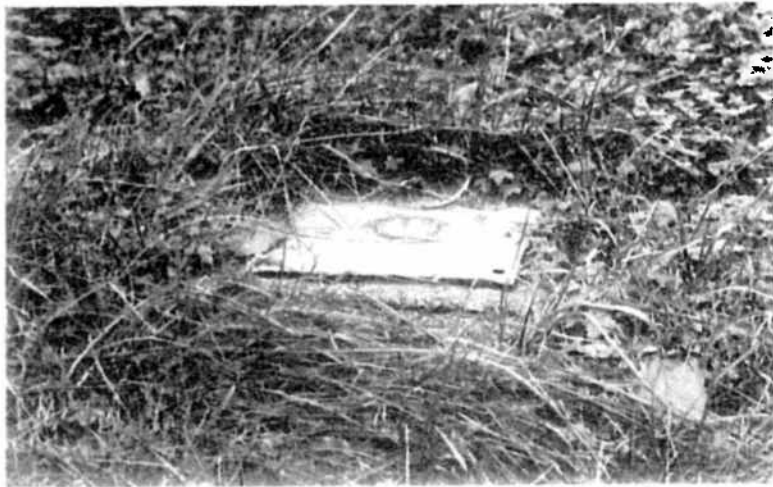


exposure. In addition, twice as many single-stem trees were planted to try to increase the canopy, as compared to the multi-stemmed counterparts at the other end of the Garden. This scheme should be maintained when replanting.

Site structures and details need additional rehabilitation. The management of Washington Square Village is very attentive to the cosmetic needs of the complex including the Garden. But while the Garden is in excellent condition for its age, some details need additional care--features have been lost, others have been altered.

Lighting: Lighting was a major feature of the original garden. The primary fixture, the globe light standard, is still in use throughout the Garden, although some of the fixtures have been removed (base plates remain). Globe lights at the four entrances to the Garden would be more graceful than the current versions, which were probably installed in the late 1960's or early '70's. Many of the globe standards need repainting, and some time passes before bulbs are replaced. As globes have been broken, some clear rather than frosted replacements have been installed.

Base plate from original area lighting.



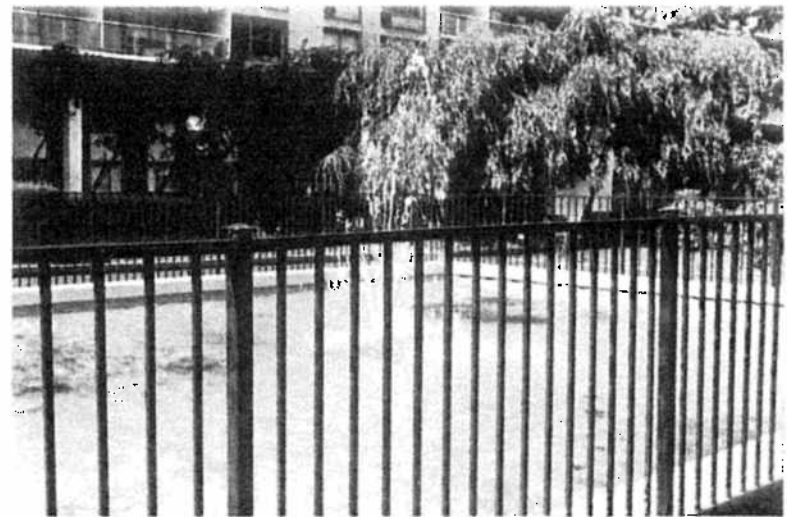
Area and path lighting of the "mushroom" type was used extensively in the planting beds, and although several remain, none work today. Base plates remain for many of those that were removed. The lighting at the base of each seat planter created a beautiful effect, but it is doubtful that they can be repaired without disrupting the plantings. Still, this should be investigated. The garden would be charming and also more secure at night if these original features were replaced. The additional illumination should not disturb tenants in the facing apartments,

because the design of the fixtures projects light downwards in a small radius. By comparison, the high intensity halogen light placed in recent years in the center of the garden is quite intrusive and can be removed.

Surface Treatments: Parts of the asphalt path system is cracking. Instead of patching these areas, new developments in lightweight surface treatments could be considered. The herringbone brick paving is in quite good condition with the exception of some significant buckling and settling in the area of the fountain, which can be repaired at the same time as improvements to the fountain itself.

Unsightly fountain today.

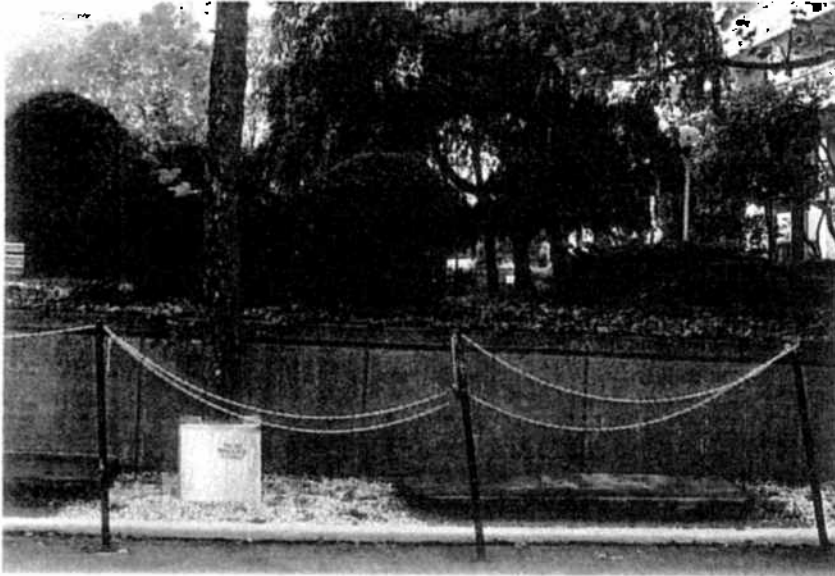
Fountain: The fountain is the Garden's significant eyesore today and one of the tenants' highest priorities for improvement. Originally, it was one of the most elegant features, with ten water jets said to shoot six meters high. It was enclosed in a pool of exposed aggregate concrete matching other garden structures and low enough for seating. Over the years it has been fenced in and painted over. The jets have been replaced at least once, and its recirculation is apparently inadequate. Half of the year the pool is empty, and when filled it is dirty and unsightly. There may have been mechanical problems in the early design that are not recorded. But today the fountain could be renovated to its original grace, taking advantage of new technology. Made shallower, a fence could be avoided.



Site structures: The Garden contains built-in benches and tables that are still in good condition today. Metal structures like the pergolas, trellis, and fence around the garage entrance only need regular repainting. The pergolas and trellis are attractive in their original white. The slatted wood

roofs of the pergolas were meant to weather to a natural gray, and not be the red they were painted in the 1970's or the green they are today. The garage entrance fence would be more acceptable if less intrusive, and could be repainted to blend with surrounding plantings. A signature paint color--such as a matte slate gray, referring to the slate panels on the building facades--could be established for these two features, the light standards, and added site furniture such as trash receptacles and signage.

Cluttered look along driveway.



Accessories: Among the least attractive features in the Garden are those accessories added later: signage, trash receptacles, entrance gates, and various inexpensive solutions to traffic issues that have cluttered the driveway areas--such as yellow paint, chain fences, metal tree guards. Nearby Washington Square Village are many better examples elsewhere on the New York University campus. Next door at the Silver Towers, chain fences are at least painted black, and intrusions into the development are minimal--bollards and building staff keep that driveway clear. Trash receptacles in Schwartz Plaza and signage at the Law School garden offer two more tasteful examples. Gates have been added at each entrance and perform no useful function; in fact their banging is an annoyance to nearby tenants. They can be removed.

Drainage and Irrigation: Drainage appears to be adequate in the garden, although there is some standing water after a storm where paving is sunken or buckled. Some of this can be improved by more consistent clearing of matted leaves and other debris that gather around drain grates. Weep holes in the exterior walls along the driveways appear to be

purposely blocked. Without a structural plan showing drainage, it is difficult to evaluate if this is undermining the drainage system.

Irrigation clearly is inadequate for the garden's needs. There are a few sprinkler heads and hose bibs, but these require the maintenance crew to haul hoses around the Garden. During summer, this is a time-consuming task, perhaps their primary activity. It will be very difficult to establish new tree and shrub plantings under these conditions. Current irrigation systems offer flexible designs that can be installed with new plantings and modified later for changing conditions.

Soil: The Garden was built well before recent advances in lightweight soils and apparently its construction compensates for this. So weight is not the issue here that it is in new construction, but fertility is certainly as important as in any confined urban garden. Any improvements to the Garden should be preceded by soil tests to determine soil fertility. The soil in some areas appears to be compacted. Initial test samples show a consistent nitrogen deficit. Where plants are under extra stress--almost everywhere in an urban garden, but especially in the confined seating planters, and in the north facing Hawthorne bed--a good feeding program could make the difference in the life of the plants.

The garden was well built, before recent advances in light weight soils.

Security and Use of the Garden:

The Garden's architect and landscape architects succeeded at creating a private amenity within a dense urban environment. Without locks or curfews, its setting within architecture and above grade is quite effective for maintaining this privacy. Occasional problems are reported, and some graffiti is evidence, but regular security tours, with the University's back-up security, seems adequate to prevent problems before they occur.

Some tenants have commented on noise from children's use of the garden, whereas others have not found this to be a problem and the adjacent play

areas are probably more inviting. Children are tenants also, of course, and the active parents group in the complex could be enlisted to work out any problems with their use of the garden.

Uses that generate the most trash--eating and drinking--are restricted from the garden, but an increase in papers and assorted trash has been reported along paths and in planting beds. Routine, daily cleanups should be sufficient to maintain the Garden.

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A great many tenants have an active interest in plants and gardening, and they can be the best insurance for the Garden's survival. An excellent suggestion was made to install plant identification labels, particularly on trees. It should be possible to enlist volunteers through the Garden Advisory Group in special seasonal efforts such as bulb planting, or for tending water and food sources for birds. Events like seasonal garden walks could educate children and their parents about the plantings, and accomplish some of the security objectives in the process.

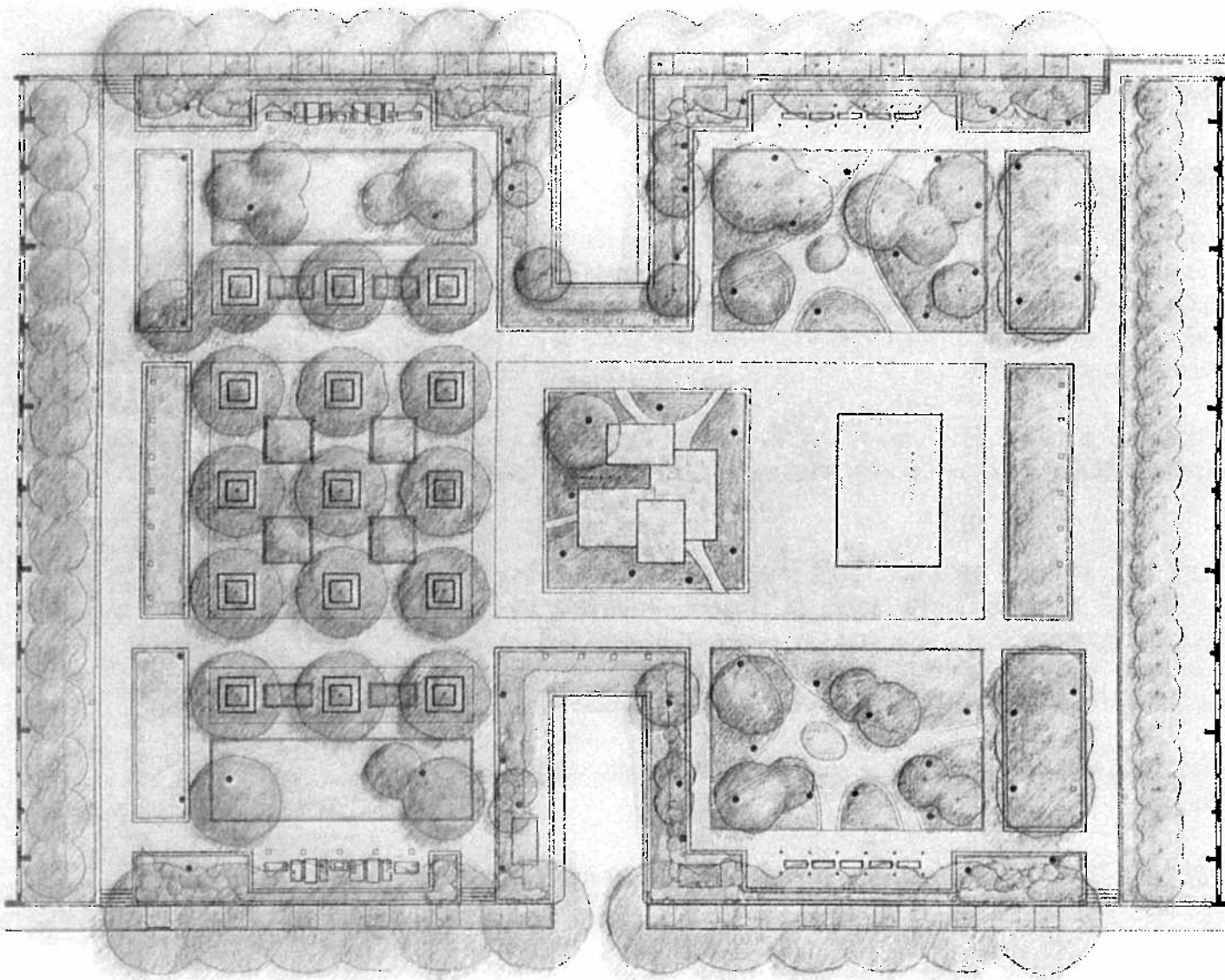
IV Rehabilitation Plan

Objective and Strategies

The objective for rehabilitation is to restore and maintain the beauty of the Garden observing the original design intent, but with modifications based on guidelines formulated for contemporary use as well as practical needs. Based on an assessment of the Garden's current condition, the following strategies are proposed:

- ***Guidelines:*** Establish design guidelines that respect the Garden's historic interest and design intent while accommodating contemporary comfort and use.
- ***Plantings:*** Remove dead and dying, oversized or inappropriate plant material, and move and rejuvenate, or replace, according to design guidelines. Plantings should provide four seasons of interest and cooperate or mediate with the garden architecture, with emphasis on form, hierarchies of scale, and potential food sources for birds.
- ***Soils:*** Test and amend all soils as appropriate for planted areas and new plantings.
- ***Irrigation:*** Upgrade the irrigation system, including at least drip irrigation setups in order to establish new plantings.
- ***Cultural Practices:*** Adopt appropriate pruning practices and regular feeding regime. Remove plastic mulch, and maintain organic mulch on all bare soils

Observe the original design intent, modified for contemporary use and practical needs.



The Garden is prized by Washington Square Village residents as a graceful respite in a dense urban setting. It is also a rare example from its time of open space integrated with urban housing. Rehabilitation can preserve the integrity of the original design while making modifications that accommodate contemporary uses and needs.

The Garden in 1958 consisted of strong architecture emphasized and layered with a simple palette of plants. Modifications extend that design, add plant varieties, and largely restore the original lighting and furniture.

Trees, the primary design element, locate the Garden, create shelter, and offset the scale of the surrounding architecture. Shrubs create line and edge, and the ground layer alleviates with hardscape as a simple platform for the dimensional elements of the design.

Modifications include new tree plantings that extend hardscape elements inward, relatively into the original design, and create an overlay to soften the dominant architectural grid. New shrub plantings preserve their original role but add softness and enclosure. The ground layer and architectural modifications consider practicality and contemporary use. Plant choices emphasize form, four-season interest, and food sources for birds. Maintenance recommendations outline a pragmatic regimen for an urban garden.

Site Plan

- **Fountain:** Redesign and renovate the fountain and pool.
- **Lighting:** Repair, restore, and maintain lighting.
- **Surface Treatments:** Repair cracking and buckling surface treatments, considering new technologies.
- **Site Improvements:** Establish a consistent paint color for applicable site improvements.
- **Accessories:** Improve or remove signage and other accessories, including the streetscape along driveways.
- **Maintenance:** Improve regular maintenance including trash pick-ups and clearing drains.

Planting Rationale

This report proposes some specific ideas for implementing these strategies, as a starting point for discussion. The major work of rehabilitation is in replanting schemes, based in part on the original choices, but with additions that function with the garden architecture and extend interest and comfort. For example, the perimeters of the Garden as seen from the driveways are its public “face” and are as integral to the architecture of the complex as are the buildings themselves. They require a consistent, uncluttered look that is attractive, and lessens the impact of the garage entries, but still preserves a sense of privacy. From within the garden, perimeter seating areas offer that privacy along with a prospect of the city life beyond. Plantings here demarcate the “edge” of the Garden, and allow the overlook, but should not distract from the predominantly inward-facing and contemplative nature of the setting.

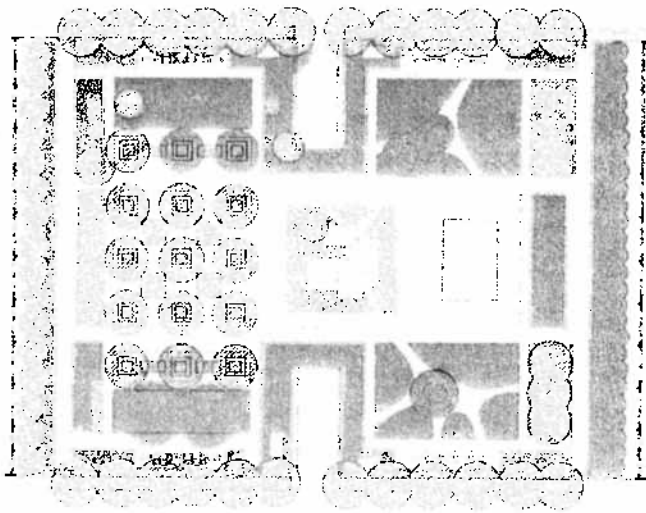
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The original Juniper plantings were a practical choice, but did little to complement the purposes of these areas. Recommended changes include using Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster horizontalis*), with its own architecture, and the existing English Ivy (*Hedera Helix*) to demarcate the edge of the Garden with four-season interest. Hedges of Japanese Holly (*Ilex crenata* 'Helleri') screen the garage entries. Inside, a simple palette of additional shrub plantings includes Abelia (*Abelia grandiflora*), Daphne (*Daphne odora* and *Daphne x burkwoodii* 'Carol Mackie'), Inkberry (*Ilex glabra* 'Nigra') and a low-growing Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite'), to give a sense of enclosure to sitters, along with fragrance, flowering, and fruiting.

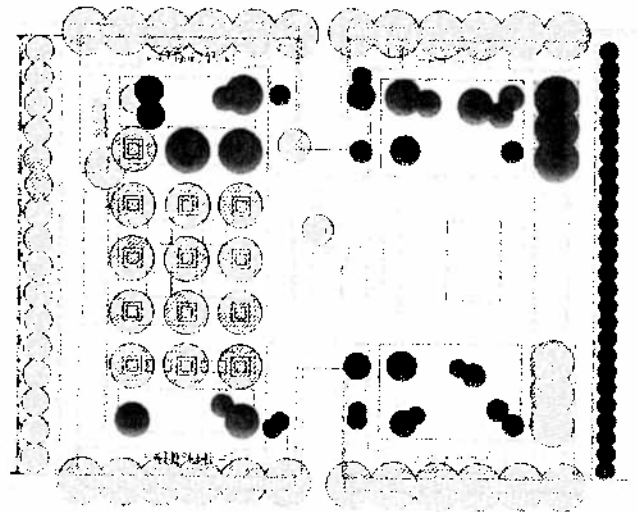
In much of the garden the original planting design either maintained, or replaced with the same varieties, or in some cases, moved and rejuvenated. The north and south borders of Washington Hawthorne (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*) and Chinese Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis* 'Pfitzeriana Compacta') are maintained as designed, but replanted as needed. Plantings here provide a transition from building to garden that introduces a more human scale, and softens the architecture, while repeating its lines and rhythms. The Crabapple (*Malus floribunda*) bosquet is the Garden's predominant feature in all seasons, a kind of "auditorium" that also establishes its formal lines. Here, two weak trees are replaced, and the planters are mulched with shredded bark and a top layer of 1" stone. The center of the garden emphasizes existing structures with simplified plantings. The existing Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*) remains, with the ground cover of English Ivy. The trellis is replanted with three "New Dawn" roses.

Along the north and south cross-axes are transition beds that define the entry into the garden. To the south, three Higan Cherries (*Prunus subhirtella* 'pendula') underplanted with English Ivy are replanted on the southeast to restore the symmetry with the existing trio. Between these,



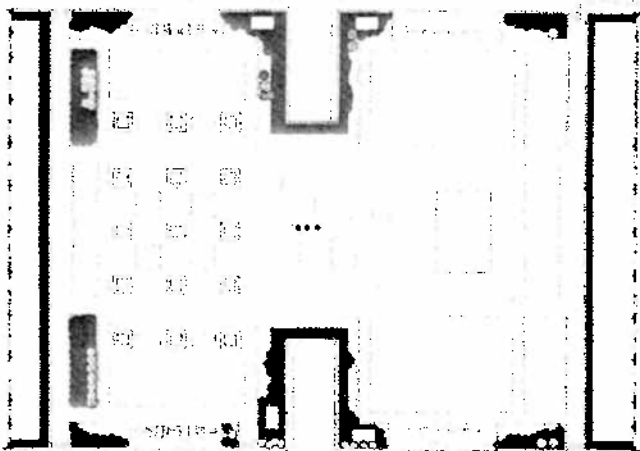
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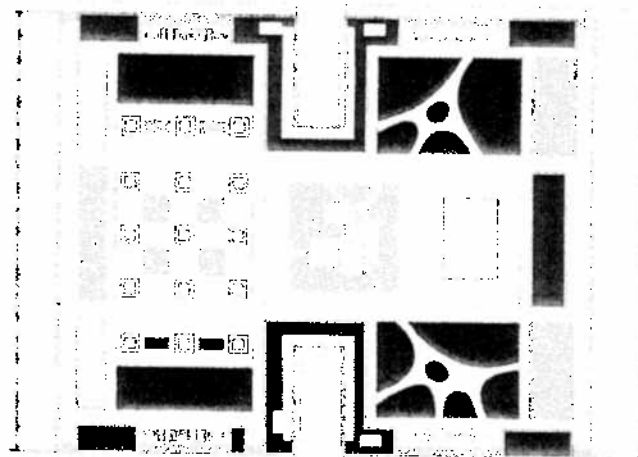
Existing trees

New trees



Existing shrubs

New shrubs



Existing ground cover

New ground cover

Schematic Planting Plan

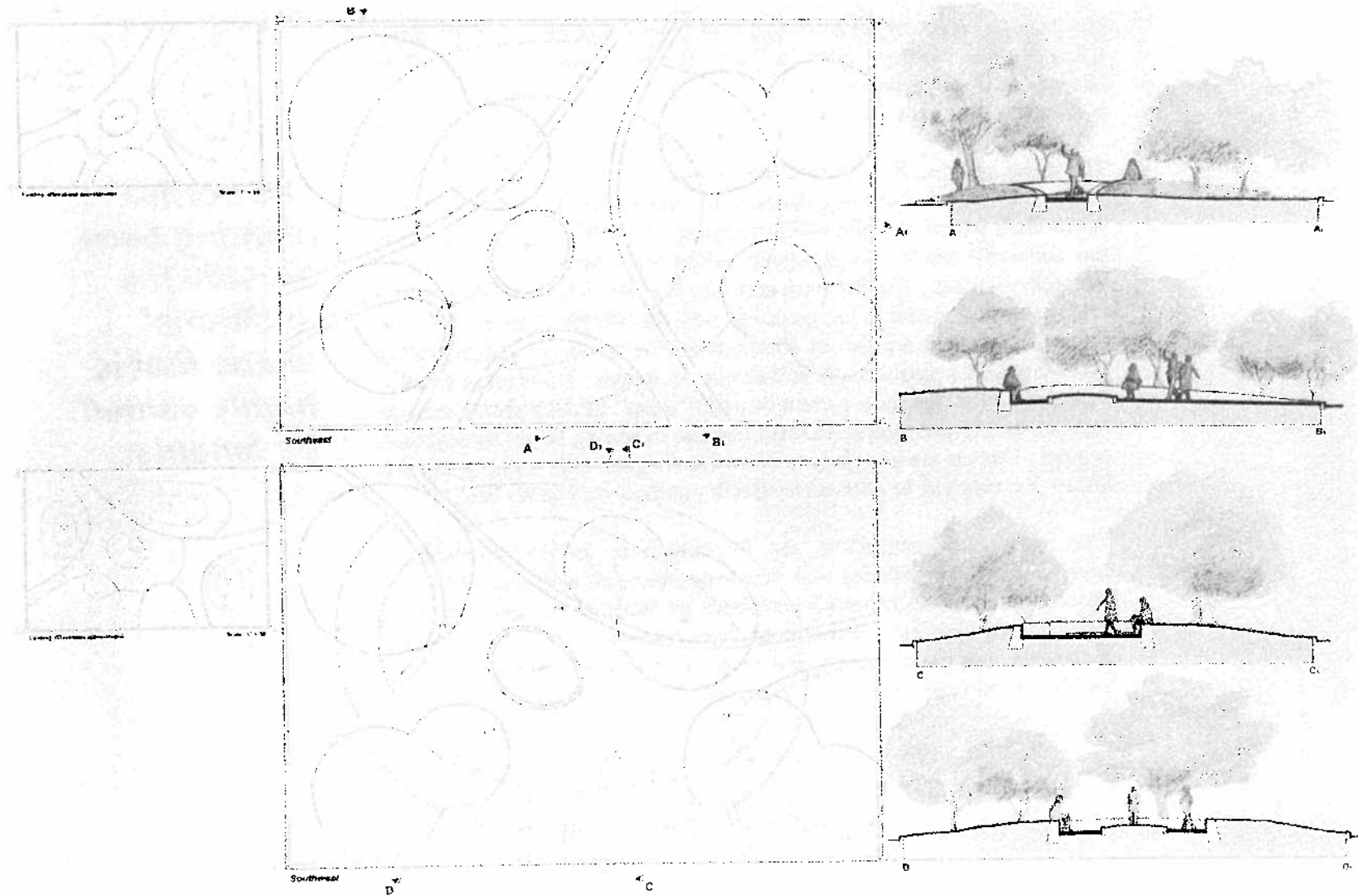


like its counterpart on the north end, a simple plane of Ivy is a platform for a line of globe lighting. Also on the north end, masses of white Azaleas (*Rhododendron* 'Delaware Valley White') extend the existing Azalea plantings in both beds.

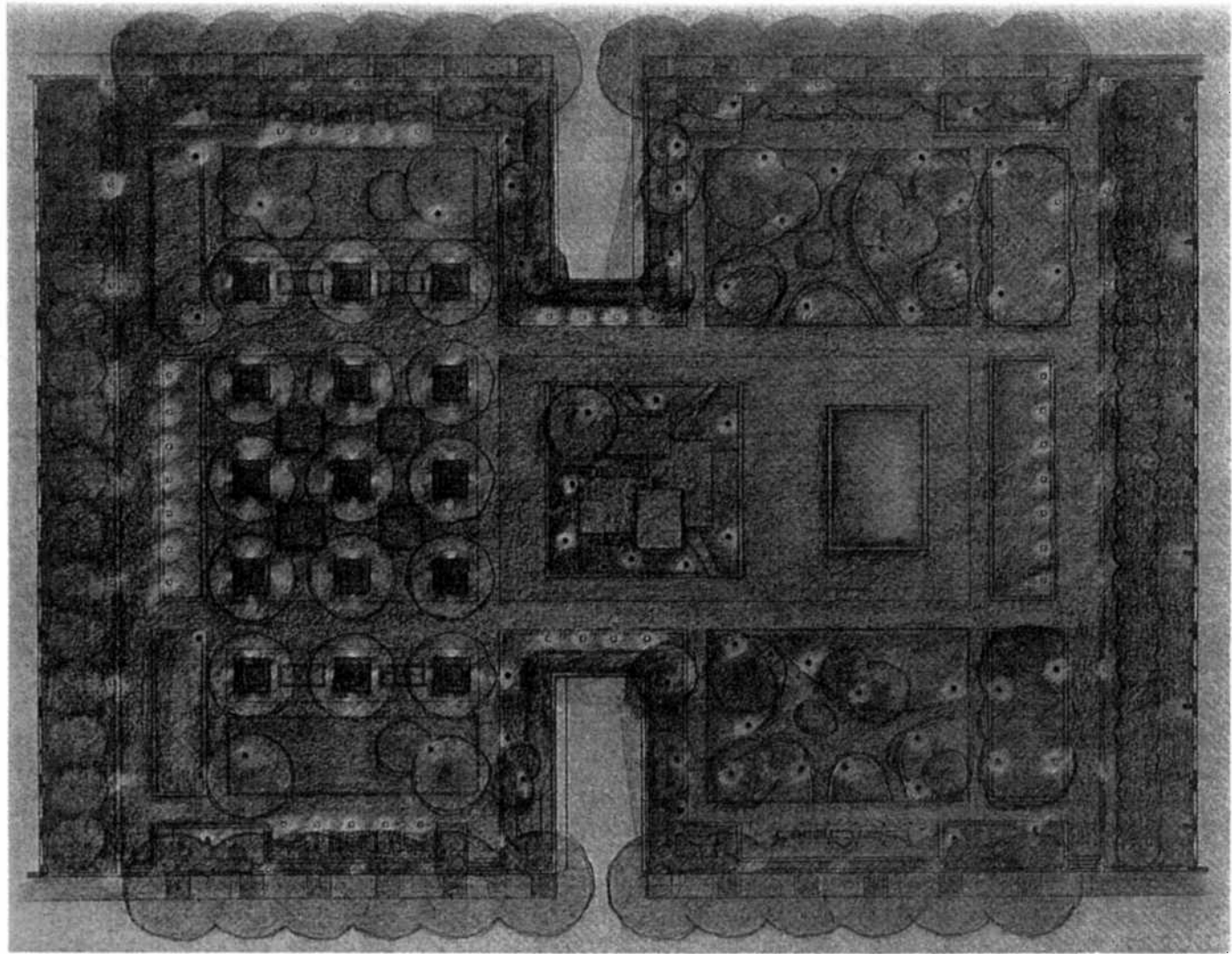
The major planting beds in each corner have been simplified and share a scheme of small flowering trees that emphasize layered form, and subliminally extend the grid of the Crabapple *bosquet*. They also provide the additional shade that is highly valued by tenants, and extend the hierarchy of scale. On the north end they are underplanted with Ivy as a practical measure, and to be consistent with the scheme already there. On the south end, they are part of a reconsideration of the curving path areas that are at best a pass-through in their current design. These areas are now regraded so that the same pattern of paths "slices" through grassy mounds retained by exposed aggregate walls that rise to seating height toward their centers. Tenants are less likely to wear out the grass with walking, but it is hoped that they will be allowed to stretch out there on a balmy day.

The other recommendations can be phased in as the replanting is undertaken. This includes soil improvements, and mulching and other cultural practices; an extended permanent or temporary irrigation system; and restored lighting. Repairs or replacements, such as for surface treatments, site improvements and accessories, and the major renovation for the fountain and pool, can be phased in as the budget allows.

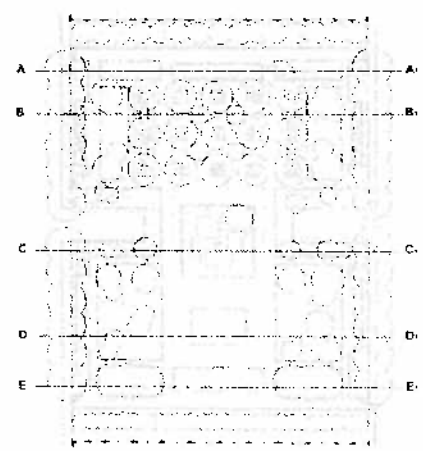
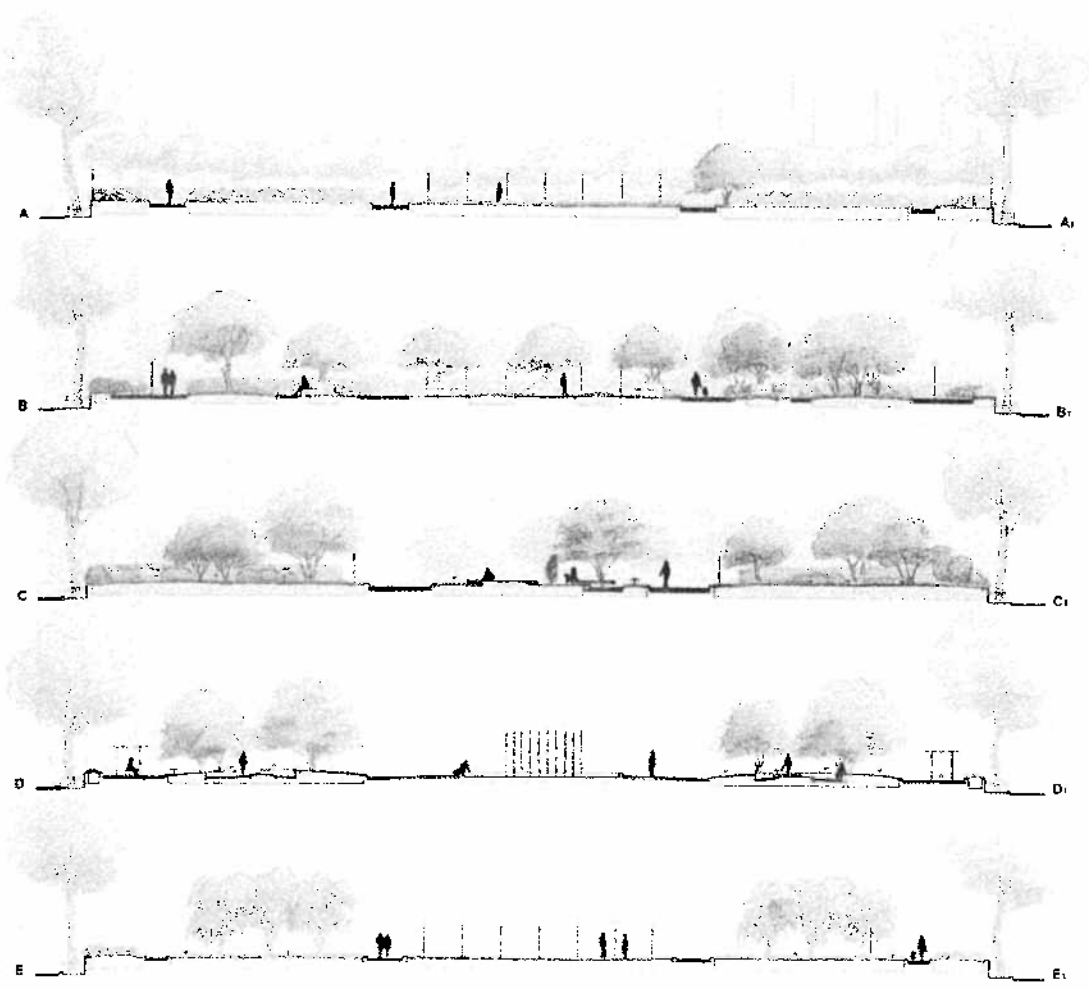
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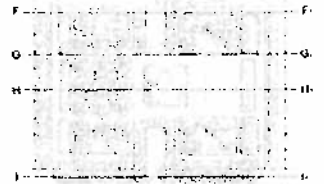
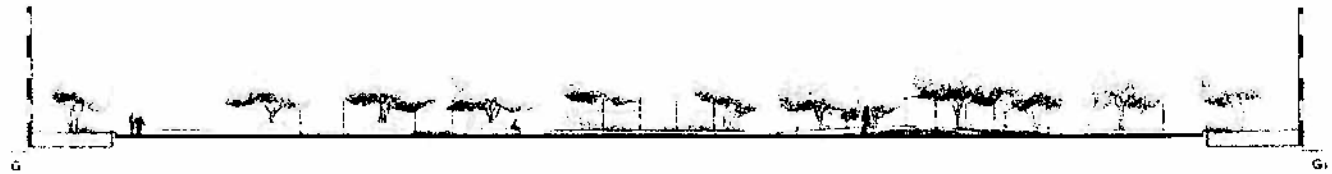
Redesign of Southeast and Southwest Planting Areas



Lighting Plan



Section/Elevations



Section/Elevations

Six-Year Plan

Given the budget limitations for work on this scale, and the potential disruption to enjoyment of the Garden, rehabilitation should take place over a series of years. The earliest work undertaken should take care of simple but meaningful cosmetic and cultural improvements and begin to deal with the glaring problems, but avoid disruptive changes. In general, nothing should be changed without a sure improvement put in its place. The following six-year plan is proposed for discussion purposes.

Year 1

- Remove or cut to ground dead and dying material
- Mulch seating planters with shredded bark and a top layer of 1" stone
- Remove plastic mulch and mulch all bare soil with 2"-3" of shredded bark
- Remove existing shrub material from southeast bed; amend soil and plant 3 Higan Cherries (*Prunus subhirtella 'pendula'*); retain English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) ground cover; install drip irrigation to establish trees; restore area lighting.
- Amend soil and replace 2 Japanese Crabapple (*Malus floribunda*) in two southeast seating planters
- Remove existing roses from central trellis and replant with 3 "New Dawn" climbing roses (*Rosa* "New Dawn")
- Remove existing shrub material from central bed; move Azaleas to perimeter as per plan
- Remove halogen light standard from central area and restore area lighting
- Remove entrance gates.
- Remove all but existing Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) from northeast planting bed; amend soil and replant as per plan with 2 additional Redbud, and one each Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) and Corneliancherry Dogwood (*Cornus mas*); install drip irrigation to establish trees

Year 2

- New trash receptacles, signage
- Repaint fence railings, light standards, pergola canopies with “WSV Grey”
- Remove existing plants from south border; amend soil, and replant with 26 single-stemmed Washington Hawthorne (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*) planted 8’ on center, 8’ from front of bed; replant hedge of Chinese Juniper (*Juniperus chinensis ‘Pfitzeriana Compacta’*) install drip irrigation to establish trees; restore lighting
- Remove north border Juniper hedge; amend soil and replant with *Juniperus chinensis ‘Pfitzeriana Compacta’*; install drip irrigation to establish trees; restore lighting

Year 3

- Remove existing junipers from northeast and northwest Azalea beds; retain existing white Azaleas, removing recent pink varieties; amend soil and replant with mass of ‘Delaware Valley White’ Azaleas (*Rhododendron ‘Delaware Valley White’*) or comparable hardy white variety; install drip irrigation to establish plants; add area lighting
- Remove Silver Maples (*Acer saccharinum*) from northwest planting bed; amend soil and replant per plan with one each of Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*), and Corneliancherry Dogwood (*Cornus mas*); install drip irrigation to establish trees; underplant with English Ivy (*Hedera helix*).
- Remove Japanese Maples (*Acer palmatum*), and Viburnum (*Viburnum*), Apple (*Malus*) and Pachysandra from *bosquet*; replant with English Ivy (*Hedera Helix*) according to plan.
- Remove existing shrub material from south center border; amend soil and replant with *Hedera helix* (English Ivy).



Year 4

- Rebuild pool to 1' depth maximum, removing protective fence; restore exposed aggregate surface; restore ten fountain jets with underwater lighting
- Renovate east and west driveway areas; remove asphalt shoulder and replace with exposed aggregate surface; mulch London Plane Trees with 1" stone; replace aluminum tree guards with railing; replace pole and chain fences with exposed aggregate bollards; install new signage

Year 5

- According to plan, remove and retain existing plantings in perimeter beds; amend soil and replant as per plan; install drip irrigation to establish plantings

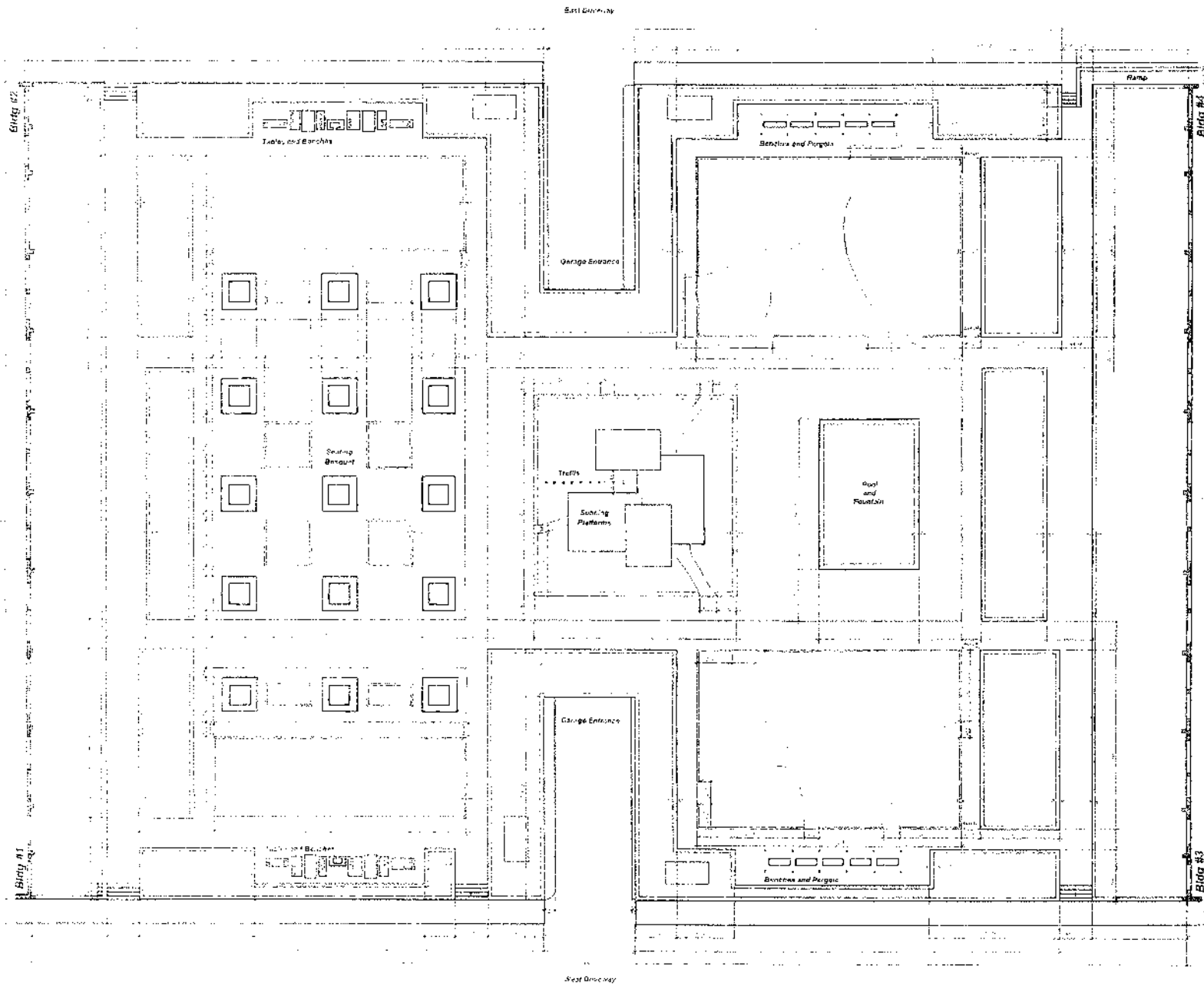
Year 6

- Renovate southeast and southwest path areas: remove existing plant material; regrade; install exposed aggregate seat/retaining walls and paths; amend soil and replant as per plan; replant turf; install irrigation; restore area lighting as per plan

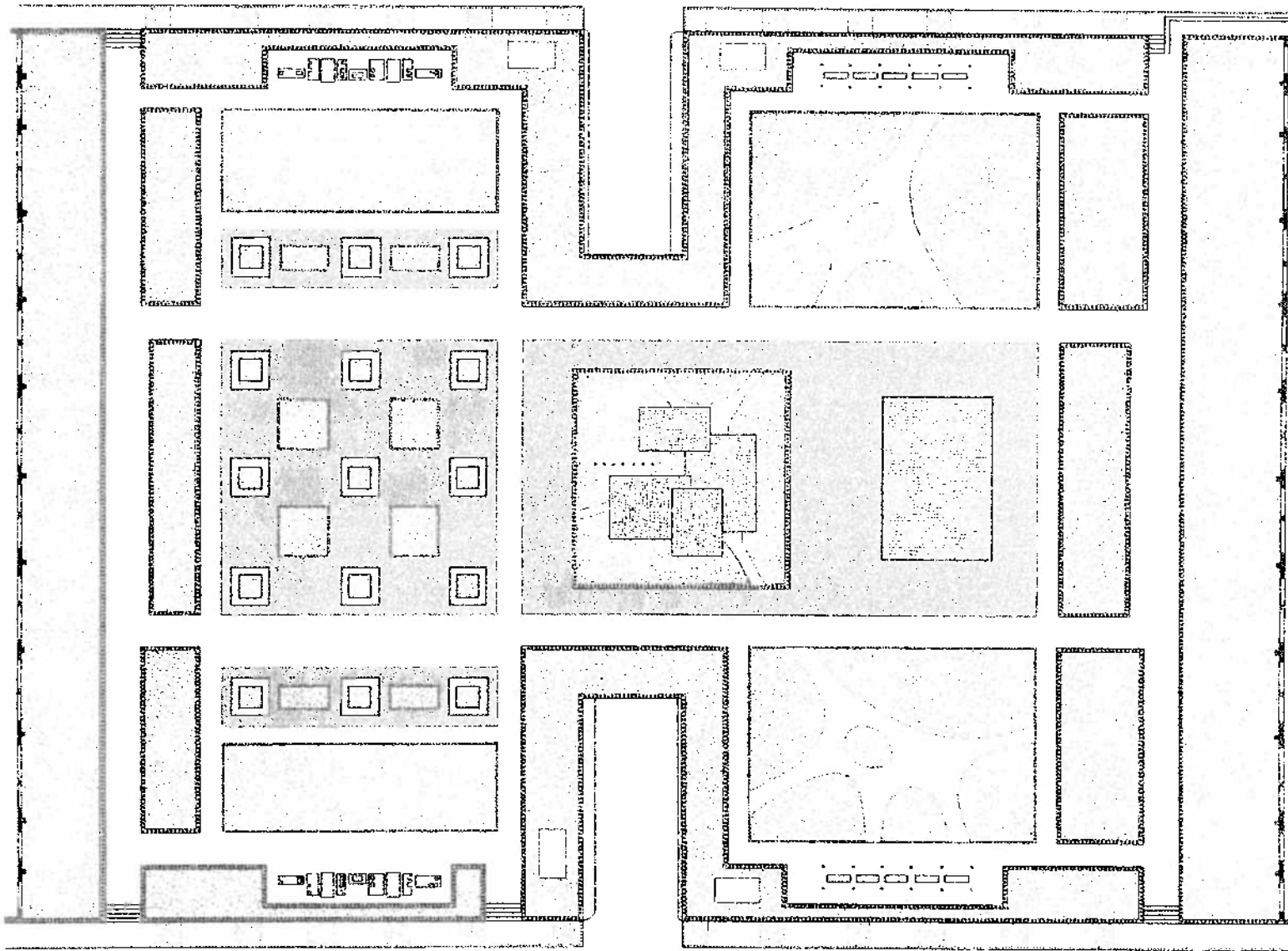
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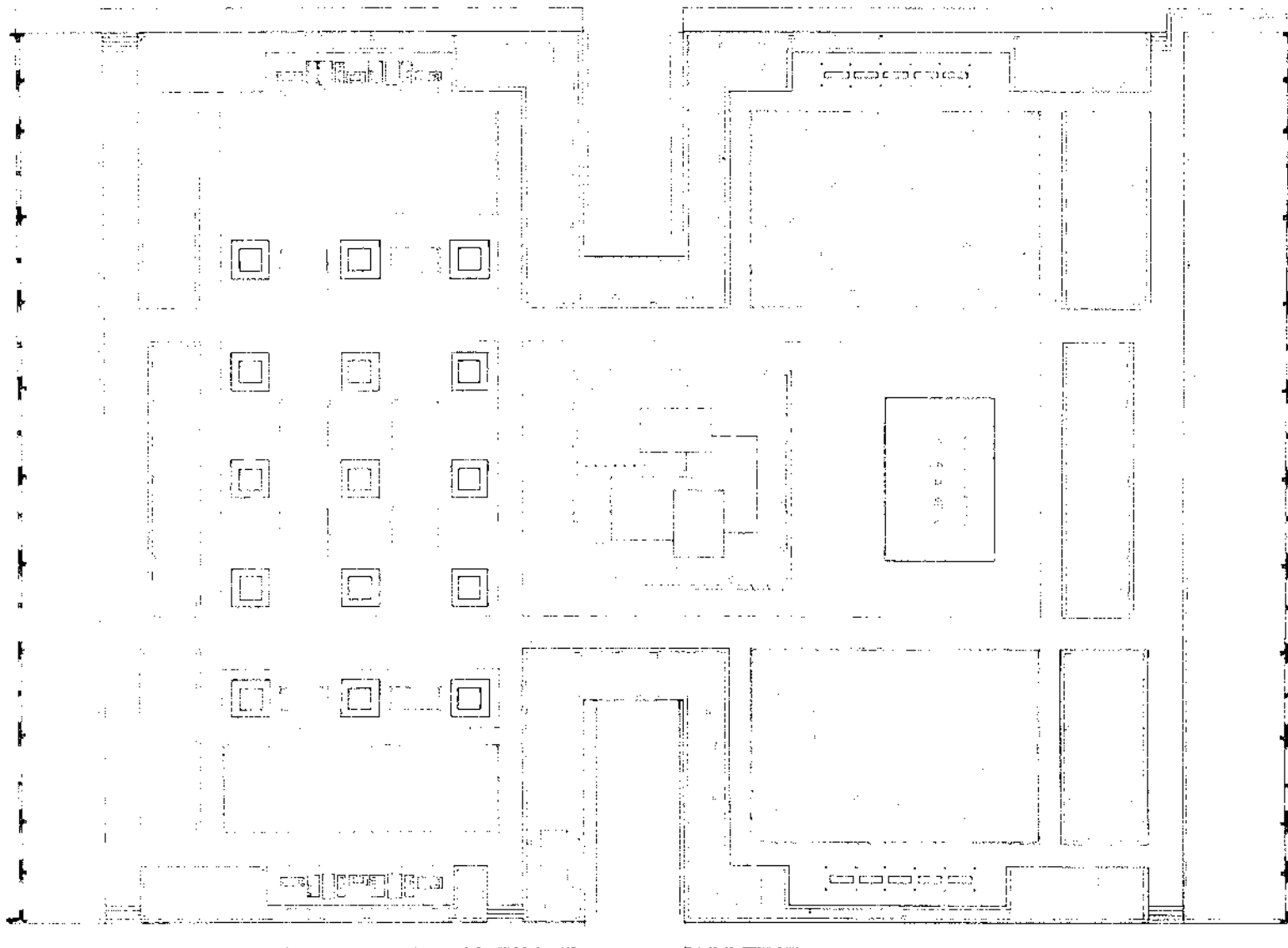
Layout Plan



Materials Key

- Asphalt Paving
- Herringbone Brick Paving
- Planted Area
- Fabricate Aggregate
- Bluestone and Exposed Aggregate
- Concrete Pave
- Painted Metal Treck
- 1" Exposed Aggregate Surf
- 5" Exposed Aggregate Surf

Materials Plan



- Utilities Key
- Circle with STANDS
 - Light standard
 - Wall light
 - Area light/light plan
 - Hot water pipe
 - Water pipe
 - Water spout
 - Water spout (hot)
 - Telum standpipe
 - Sprinkler pipe
 - Hot air
 - Area drain
 - Pipe vent
 - Ventilation grate

Utilities Plan

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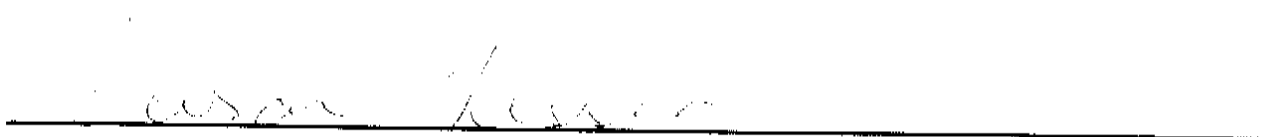
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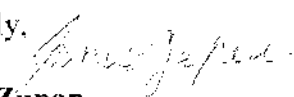
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