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Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Recognizing and Protecting Sites of Significance to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) History

Dear Chair Tierney:

We write to urge the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) to take steps to recognize and protect sites of significance to New York City's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. These sites are important for their historical significance to the LGBT community, and for adding texture to the fabric of New York City.

Our districts are home to some of the most important LGBT sites in our city. We are supportive of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP)'s appeal to protect these historical institutions, and would appreciate LPC's action to make sure these sites continue to be places where residents and tourists can visit locations that had significant roles in the civil rights movement of the LGBT community.

We support the formal recognition of The Stonewall Inn, the location which many site as the flash point for beginning the modern gay rights movement. LPC's acknowledgment of this site's significant role in history will help regulate and preserve this building, and protect it from potential future changes that could compromise the Inn's prominent role in our city's history. We ask the commission to review this building and location for landmark designation.

We also support GVSHP's request that the LPC amend the Greenwich Village Historic District report to bring attention to historical LGBT sites and others in and around the Village that were important to the community and its role in the Village's makeup and

character. This would include Julius's Bar on West 10th Street and the Gay Activists Alliance House on Wooster Street.

We hope the LPC will consider formally recognizing these sites for their historical significance for our city. It would be a tragic loss to the city's history and communities if we do not act to protect these sites from future development and give them the recognition they deserve in the designation report.

If you have any questions about these sites, please contact Jeffrey LeFrancois in Council Member Corey Johnson's office at 212-564-7757 or by email at jlefrancois@council.nyc.gov; or Matt Viggiano in Council Member Chin's office at 212-788-7259 or by email at mvgiggiano@council.nyc.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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