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Sarah Carroll, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street
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James S. Oddo
Commissioner, New York City Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Re: Request for Emergency Consideration of 80 West Broadway

Dear Chair Carroll and Commissioner Oddo,

I write to you to urgently request the delay of permitting for the demolition of 80 West Broadway (BBL No. 1-137-1; DOB Job No. M01167560) to allow for proper consideration by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) of this site as a potential landmark. This building falls roughly 100 feet outside of the boundaries of three historic districts: The Tribeca West Historic District (1991), the Tribeca South Historic District (1992), and the Tribeca South Historic District Extension (2002). I am following up on the May 5 letter to LPC from the Historic Districts Council (HDC) to express my alignment with their concern and accompanying demand for this timely consideration before we lose such an important contribution to the historic fabric of Tribeca.

As stated in the HDC letter, sites like 80 West Broadway were only excluded from designation in the 1990s and early 2000s due to misguided and corrupt “Wall Street interests” that are no longer applicable to the Tribeca neighborhood. This area has become a vibrant residential community owing the majority of its value to its historic and generally preserved built character. Since the initial consideration of historic districts in Tribeca, and including the 2015 proposal by Gregory Dietrich, experts have found the blocks bounded by Broadway, Murray, Greenwich, and Chambers Streets to be seamlessly consistent with the architectural significance of the surrounding historic districts, presenting a logical extension of such preservation efforts.

There has never been a credible justification for excluding these blocks, and LPC’s continued disregard of the pleas of the Tribeca community have left sites like 80 West Broadway incredibly vulnerable to speculation and redevelopment. LPC must recognize its mandated duty to preserve

sites like this one, and the Administration should find no motivation to risk the loss of this 14-unit rental building and subsequent construction of what is being described as a “luxury boutique condo project” that will likely yield fewer units, all at multimillion-dollar asking prices.

I ask that your two agencies coordinate to postpone this demolition to grant sufficient time to evaluate and properly consider this site and its surrounding area for individual landmarking or inclusion in a well-warranted historic district extension that has been on the table for decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Marte', with a stylized, flowing script.

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