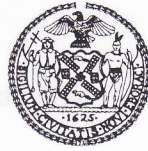


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October 22th, 2008

Robert Tierney
Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

I write to express my support for the designation of the IRT Powerhouse at 59th Street ("the Powerhouse") as a New York City landmark. The city-owned Powerhouse is a truly remarkable building. It is an architectural and historic gem, and by these standards already a landmark. I urge the Commission to make it official.

The Powerhouse is a spectacular example of Beaux Arts architecture executed on the grandest scale. It is one of only a handful of great powerhouses remaining in the five boroughs, and the only one of its size left in Manhattan. What is more, the Powerhouse is one of the few remaining public buildings on the West Side that is worthy of Landmark status, but nevertheless remains unprotected.

As you know, this section of Manhattan is changing. Development between Riverside South and the Clinton community has increased rapidly in recent years and the number of buildings under construction is at once promising and disconcerting. The Powerhouse must not fall victim to the aesthetic whim or economic might of a few.

In designating the Powerhouse a landmark, the Commission also preserves the building's potential use as a public space. New Yorkers are constantly seeking new venues in which to gather, exhibit, and perform. Eventually, the Powerhouse will cease to serve as a suitable power plant for its current lessee, Consolidated Edison. At that time, the building's interior could be renovated, its halls re-imagined, and its grandeur restored. Only by designating the building a landmark now can we ensure that it will be available to serve the public in the future.

The need to preserve historically significant buildings and a dearth of large, enclosed, public space are two of my constituents most frequently expressed concerns. Protecting the Powerhouse squarely addresses these concerns. In the interests of my constituents, all New

Yorkers, our visitors and our posterity, and I urge you to designate this building a New York City landmark.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Robert Benfatto, District manager, Community Board 4
Gary Barnett, President, Extell Development
Paul J. Elston, Riverside South Planning Corporation

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