



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Opposing the Proposed Nine-Story Hotel Next to Merchant's House Museum

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On September 11, I submitted testimony to the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) opposing a proposed nine-story hotel at 27 East 4th Street, within the NoHo Historic District and directly adjacent to the Merchant's House Museum, which is an interior and exterior New York City Landmark. I stressed my deep concern that demolition, excavation and significant construction at the site could damage Merchant's House and urged LPC not to seriously consider approval of this application unless and until the developer undertakes a comprehensive assessment of potential damages and takes all necessary preventative measures. I also echoed Manhattan Community Board 2's concern that the proposed building is out of character with the East 4th Street block and is out of context with the Historic District.