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January 28, 2014

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

Dear Chair Tierney:

I appreciate the Landmarks Preservation Commission's (LPC) acknowledgement of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) history in recent historic district designation reports, including the South Village Historic District and East Village/Lower East Side Historic District. I am writing to ask LPC to begin formally recognizing sites of significance to the LGBT movement within previously designated New York City Historic Districts.

The Stonewall Inn at 52 Christopher Street and Julius' Bar at 159 West 10th Street, both within the Greenwich Village Historic District, and the Gay Activists' Alliance Firehouse at 99 Wooster Street, within the SoHo Cast Iron Historic District, are just a few such sites, which carry enormous historical significance for the LGBT community and its struggle for equality. Yet they are neither individual landmarks nor referenced for their role in LGBT history in their districts' designation reports. Amending existing designation reports to reflect places of significance to the LGBT movement would go a long way toward preserving this chapter of civil rights history, as would consideration of designating these and other sites as individual landmarks based upon their place in LGBT history.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and the LPC's commitment to preserving our city's heritage. Should you have any questions or to follow up, please contact me at 212-633-8052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Hoylman".

Brad Hoylman
New York State Senator
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cc: Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

