



**Testimony of Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick and State Senator Brad Hoylman
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding the Proposed Demolition of 130 7th Avenue South**

July 9, 2013

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding the proposed demolition of the one-story building at 130 7th Avenue South in order to build a seven-story building housing luxury condominiums.

The building that now sits at 130 7th Avenue South is a one-story building that is appropriate to the scale and character of the historic district in which it sits, and its low height creates a sense of openness and provides a visual corridor into the surrounding streets.

The building that is being proposed for the site is planned to be over seven stories, with additional mechanicals on its roof, and would completely alter the low-rise neighborhood surrounding it. The development would be in the heart of the historic district, for which it would be an inappropriate size and design. It would also undermine the entire purpose of the district, which is intended to preserve a community which is facing sustained attacks on its character and history by developers seeking profit.

Decisions made by various New York City agencies, including the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the City Planning Commission, and the Board of Standards and Appeals, have emboldened developers who have come to believe that there are no longer any limits on the kind of dramatic changes they can propose and have approved. It is crucial that the Landmarks Preservation Commission and others protect our historic districts, and that a line is finally drawn. We strongly urge you vote to deny this application.