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Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
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Dear Chair Tierney:



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The Chelsea Reform Democratic Club is writing to urge you to calendar for a public hearing the Historic District and other nearby individual landmarks that Community Board 4 has proposed for West Chelsea. Redevelopment is threatening this trendy neighborhood. Without prompt action to calendar, we will lose these historic buildings and the art galleries sheltered by them.

Although few people are aware that West Chelsea was once one of the manufacturing centers of New York City, served by railroad, barge, and float bridges from New Jersey, many of the fine buildings from its heyday survive. Some have been restored to give a distinctive character to the Chelsea gallery district. We have been glad to learn that the Commission is studying the proposal for a West Chelsea Manufacturing Historic District extending eastward from the great warehouse buildings on 11th Avenue north of 24th Street, incorporating the handsome manufacturing buildings located along West 25th to West 27th Streets, and ending with the recently restored Williams Warehouse between the High Line and 10th Avenue, designed by Cass Gilbert. Other significant buildings nearby clearly deserve individual landmarking, as well.

We know that our Council Member, Speaker Christine Quinn, has been especially concerned about preservation in West Chelsea, as she has been in other parts of her district, and that she was instrumental in ensuring that the issue was incorporated in the ULURP of the West Chelsea/High Line Rezoning. Other elected representatives of the area, especially Senator Tom Duane and Assembly Member Dick Gottfried, also support landmarking in West Chelsea.

We hope you will join them and us in the effort to preserve the historic character of our area. Please take the first step in protecting the Historic District and significant individual structures by calendaring them for hearing before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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