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Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chairman
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York 10007

Re: Bedford Corners Historic District Landmark Designation

Dear Chairman Tierney:


As New York City Council Member for the 36th Council District, I write to urge you to expedite the review of the recently submitted request for evaluation for the Bedford Corners Historic District in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

My council district encompasses the Bedford-Stuyvesant area, one of Brooklyn's most beautiful brownstone neighborhoods. The Bedford Corners Historic District sits between the protected areas of Clinton Hill, Stuyvesant Heights and Crown Heights North. Given its proximity to the A&C subway lines and the quick access to Manhattan, large developers are drawn to this increased marketable community.

Land marking Bedford Corners would preserve some of Brooklyn's most prominent architects whose buildings range from magnificent townhouses to more modest row houses. Bedford Corners collection of late 19th century edifices are found on streets largely unchanged. However, in recent years, more contextually inappropriate structures have dotted the surrounding communities.

It is critical that Bedford-Stuyvesant's architectural heritage be preserved. It is imperative that you ensure that the review of the Bedford Corners area receive the most prompt attention so that I can preserve existing community as is requested by so many of its residents.

Sincerely,


Albert Vann