



December 1, 2014

New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th fl
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Srinivasan and Commissioners,

West End Preservation Society (WEPS) wishes to express concern and disappointment at the proposed administration action to issue “no action” letters for 96 buildings and sites. The sites involved are not merit based, according to the Commission, but rather deemed inactive.

We believe eliminating properties of merit is contrary to the designation process. Their elevation to calendared status acknowledges former Commissions found these sites worthy of consideration. To remove them without contemporary research and evaluation seems at best unfair, at worst endangering the very existence of these sites.

The LPC statement that this action “does not prevent the Commission from re-calendaring these buildings and sites in the future” is of small comfort. There is no definitive time length from RFE submission to calendaring, which immediately places buildings in jeopardy, nor is there promise these items will be re-calendared. Should the majority of buildings and sites re-submit a RFE, will this not place the current Commission in exactly the same position it seeks to avoid?

We respectfully request the Commission postpone the December 9, 2014 action and investigate other strategies to cope with these long calendared sites and districts. Allow these sites their intended consideration for designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josette Amato".

Josette Amato
Executive Director