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December 29, 2014

Commissioner Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor, North
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Srinivasan,

Thank you for meeting with me this past September to discuss the community's desire to see progress on a third extension of the Riverside-West End Historic District. I appreciated the thoroughness of your office's initial examination and your demonstrated knowledge of the site obtained through self-initiated tours of the recommended coverage area.

I'm writing to request an update on the status of the extension project with high hopes that the Commission can commit the resources and staff necessary to proceed immediately and see action as soon as possible.

I was very disappointed to learn that a building permit has been filed with DOB for 711 West End Ave, Block: 1253 Lot: 21. Given that this property sits on a stretch of WEA that has already been calendared to be designated a historic district, I urge that you schedule the designation hearings ASAP. In our follow up discussions in November 2014, you indicated that the hearings would take place in late Spring 2015. But given that a permit has been filed with DOB, we simply cannot wait.

We ask that you notify DOB of your intention to hold a hearing about the WEA historic district designation and set a date immediately.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Marisa Maack on my staff, or me, at (212) 788-6975. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Helen Rosenthal

