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Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th floor
One Center Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: 58-60 Ninth Avenue - West Chelsea Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing in response to an application by the owner's architect for approval of proposed work at 58-60 Ninth Avenue. The property is comprised of two buildings, which are connected at both the ground floor and the cellar floor. The work consists of:

- an addition of one entry door at the ground floor level of the façade, and
- the excavation of the cellar level to achieve further height.

As it pertains to the first item we are informed that the drawings were already reviewed by the preservationist, who has stated that it presents no issue. We agree with this determination.

It is the second item that needs a recommendation from us. Although this work is entirely interior it goes seven feet underground and any work that goes that far below ground must go before the landmarks Preservation Commission.

The applicant has informed us the neighboring buildings have been notified and they have met with them with along with the requisite engineers. We have no objections to this work provided the neighboring buildings are not adversely affected and provided that all the necessary prep work and Department of Building permits (and any other required permits) are granted.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
Chair

Pamela Wolff
Chair, Landmarks Committee

cc: NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn