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THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WESTSIDE

March 27, 2007

Hon. Scott Stringer
Manhattan Borough President
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor
New York, New York 10007

Dear Borough President Stringer:

In a letter to the Landmarks Preservation Commission dated August 14, 2006, you clearly stated your support of preserving the former Dakota Stable and New York Cab Company Stable (copy enclosed, showing cc's to Landmark West! and Community Board 7). It has been reported by your staff that you excluded LW! from the meeting of New York's "leading preservationists" that you convened on March 14, 2007, because we read this letter into the record at the Landmarks Preservation Commission's October 17, 2006, public designation hearing on the stable.

If the report is not true, please advise, and let us know why we were excluded.

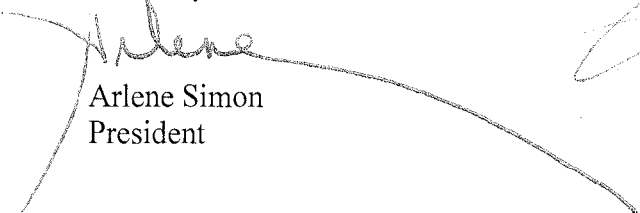
If the report is true, we are astounded. As you will recall from our letter to you dated October 19, 2006, we read your August 14th letter of support—unquestionably in the public domain and important for the Landmarks Commission to hear—only after your office failed to respond to our repeated inquiries as to whether you or a member of your staff planned to appear personally at the Commission's public hearing in support of preserving the stables.


In our October 19th letter to you, we offered to correct the record at the Commission if your position had changed since your August 14th letter of support. We received no response.

We congratulate you for taking the initiative to organize a meeting addressing our city's historic and cultural heritage. However, if giving LW! the cold shoulder is intended as some kind of retribution related more to politics than preservation, how mean-spirited and unfortunate. We are frankly quite concerned about your ability—in the remaining 3 or 7 years of your tenure as borough president and in any future elected office you may attain—to work with preservationists to protect the places that matter most to our city.

We would like very much to clear up any misunderstanding or miscommunication and get on with the serious business of protecting our city's landmarks. We look forward to hearing from you within a week.

Sincerely,


Arlene Simon
President


Kate Wood
Executive Director