



March 14, 2008

Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney:

The Women's City Club of New York urges the Landmarks Commission to designate St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Parish House and Rectory as a New York City Landmark. As you know, the Women's City Club of New York, founded in 1915, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that shapes public policy through education, advocacy and citizen participation.

After a twenty-eight year wait, the unique qualities of this group of related buildings in Romanesque Revival style deserves the recognition and protection that designation will provide.

Indeed, we hope that the designation of St Michael's will begin a series of designations of the numerous historic houses of worship whose architectural and cultural significance to communities throughout the city make them worthy of that recognition. The rapid pace of development is changing the landscape of all the boroughs. We cannot afford to wait any longer to offer protection to these remarkable buildings, the like of which will never be built again.

Please act now.

Sincerely,

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