

# COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Manhattan

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June 26, 2006

Honorable Robert B Tierney, Chairman  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman Tierney:

Who over a certain age doesn't remember the excitement of going to the automat; putting your nickels in the slot and watching the turntable deliver your lunch? Once prevalent throughout the city, we have watched this building type dwindle down to a precious few.

However, we have the unique opportunity of preserving one of these cultural and architectural icons at Broadway and 104th Street. This building is an excellent example of the sleek Art Moderne style that once represented "AUTOMAT" to us city dwellers. This building must be preserved since one of its kind is being demolished at 57th Street as we speak.

Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the Commission to designate this building before it follows all the others to the wrecking ball.

Sincerely:



Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman



Lenore Norman      Klari Neuwelt  
Co-Chairs, Parks & Preservation Committee