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Dear Mr. Tierney:

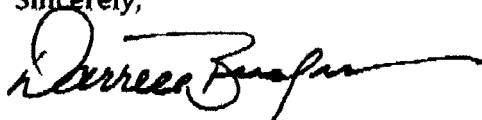
Thank you so much for holding hearings on West-Park Presbyterian Church. At long last the community and the congregation will be able to engage in a process of mutual consideration.

Of course, this is likely to be only the beginning of a process that should have begun decades ago.

As minister of the Fourth Universalist Society on Central Park West from 1989-99, I am very aware of the benefits and responsibilities of caring for a landmarked religious building, and ministering through it to both the local community and the world. I am happy to participate in these hearings in any way that might prove helpful.

I am now serving my third congregation residing in an historic building, and am well-versed in the process of helping these groups survive with history, real estate and mission intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Berger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Darrell Berger