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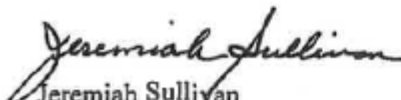
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Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union No. 1, New York (BAC Local 1) an organization of approximately 5,000 members covering all of New York City and the Counties of Nassau and Suffolk, **STRONGLY OPPOSES** any attempts to override NYC's long-established "landmark" protections and "historic districts" that have been tremendously successful in preserving the character of our neighborhoods and preventing the overdevelopment of our city.

Contrary to the popular belief, the designation of "landmark" buildings and "historic districts" lead to extensive employment opportunities for construction workers in New York City. For example, nearly 1/2 of BAC Local 1's 5,000 members are engaged in the masonry restoration trade. Many of the projects on which our members work are the masonry facades of landmark buildings where Local 1 members primarily perform "pointing, cleaning and caulking" work but also bricklaying, stonemasonry and plastering. These are excellent, highly skilled union jobs that pay solid, middle class wages with health insurance and pension benefits. The work requires extensive training that Bricklayers International Union provides through our training center in Long Island City along with years of on-the-job experience. Our members work for over 100 signatory contractors who have developed an expertise in restoring and maintaining NYC's architectural treasures. These same restoration projects also provide thousands of additional unionized construction jobs to roofers, sheet metal workers, plasterers, glaziers, painters, carpenters, ironworkers and laborers.

For the reasons outlined above, BAC Local 1 asks that you join with us in **STRONGLY OPPOSING** any attempt to weaken NYC's landmark law and historic districts.

Sincerely,


Jeremiah Sullivan
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