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Elizabeth Street Garden
 209 Elizabeth Street
 New York, NY 10012

To Whom It May Concern:

Elizabeth Street Garden as both an invaluable resource to the community and as a work of art in its own right is worthy of being preserved. Though small, it is easily the largest green space in Little Italy and an enchanting place to rest, meet friends, and reflect on its dazzlingly landscaped mix of sculpture, flowers and trees.

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Just one block west of the Bowery, Elizabeth Street Garden is a truly unique and vital place for the community and exists as a prominent and historic element of the Little Italy neighborhood. The land on which the garden was built has a history as a place of public recreation dating back to the early 1800's when a public school and outdoor area existed on a portion of the lot. The creation of the garden continued this public recreation use in a beautiful setting.

The carefully curated statuary and architectural elements are symbiotic with the much-needed greenery and nature creating an outdoor museum environment that is accessible to anyone and everyone and fosters a true sense of community.

Throughout the seasons, residents of the neighborhood convene together with people from all around the city and the world, sharing the space and participating in numerous cultural and social events organized by garden volunteers, including lectures and plays.

In 2018, the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors partnered with Elizabeth Street Garden to organize a walking tour of our neighborhood's graveyards and gardens. Each stop was at a historically relevant garden or graveyard, with participants including NY Marble Cemetery, The Merchant's House Museum, Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral, and Liz Christy Community Garden with the tour ending at Elizabeth Street Garden.

The Bowery has always been a place for outsiders to cultivate and create. Places such as Elizabeth Street Garden represent the pockets of this history of culture and distinction that complement NYC's oldest thoroughfare, the Bowery.

The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors recognizes the need for affordable housing and strongly supports building at the proposed alternate site at 388 Hudson, a location that would accommodate more units, and at the same time allow the entire Elizabeth Street Garden to be preserved as an historically relevant work of art and much needed green space for the community as well as for future generations.

The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors (BAN) is a nonprofit grassroots organization working to protect residents, small businesses, the neighborhood and the historic character of the Bowery and its surrounding neighborhood, including nearby Elizabeth Street and its exquisite garden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Mulkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Mulkins
President