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Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th Floor
One Center Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: 511-519 West 25th Street
521-541 West 25th Street

Dear Chair Tierney:

Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) is writing in response to two applications before the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness by the Related Cos. for the buildings from 511-541 West 25th Street.

The first application is for 511-519 West 25th Street-West, an Industrial neo-Classical style factory designed by Francisco & Jacobus and built in 1915-17, is to alter and replace storefront infill and install signage.

The second application is for 521-541 West 25th Street, a Round Arch Style brick factory building designed by Schickel & Ditmars and built in 1900-1901, is to alter ground floor infill and install canopies and signage.

The work is for the entrances of both buildings and also, for the 521-541 building, a new smaller and higher up canopy with an address and some slight light. There will be seven blade signs (there are nine now).

MCB4's Landmarks Committee reviewed the presentation by the applicant and the Full Board voted on November 6, 2013, to recommend support for both landmark applications as appropriate but given the different and distinct characteristics of the two buildings ask that consideration be given to providing further separation in the frontage designs between the two buildings and less uniformity.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
Chair

Pamela Wolff
Chair, Landmarks Committee