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Dear Deputy Commissioner Mackay:

We are writing in support of the designation of "Paddy's Market," nine block fronts on Ninth Avenue between West 35th and West 40th Streets in Hell's Kitchen, as a New York State Historic District.

Paddy's Market was one the best-known pushcart markets in Manhattan with many storefronts dating back to around the time of its inception in 1867 remaining in the neighborhood to this day. The story of Hell's Kitchen is in many ways reflective of the evolution of our city. Best known for its Irish residents, shoppers, and shop owners, Paddy's Market has played host to the wide variety of backgrounds that comprise the melting pot that gives our city and state its rich culture.

Manhattan Community Board 4 supports this designation proposed by Clinton Housing Development Corporation (CHDC), and has written to SHPO in support of it. CHDC plans to partner with the Hudson Yards/Hell's Kitchen Alliance, the local BID, for outreach to the local property owners as part of the application process.

CHDC's submission cites two of the criteria set forth by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as well as the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980. These criteria demonstrate the significance of Paddy's Market to the historical, cultural, and architectural fabric of our city and nation.

The criteria the site meets are: Criterion A, the market was and remains a central feature of Hell's Kitchen for those who live and work in the area and Criterion C, the buildings of Paddy's Market, a collection of 19th century flats and old-law tenements, form a unique streetscape that is architecturally significant. Both of these criteria are

observable to the naked eye for anyone who has the pleasure of living in or visiting Hell's Kitchen.

The designation of Paddy's Market as a New York State Historic District to be listed on the National Register for Historic Places will recognize and preserve this culturally rich part of New York City, paying homage to the working women and men who lived and worked here for more than a century ago. We urge you to examine the detailed recommendations and analysis related to this submission attached. We hope you will agree that the long history and diverse residents that comprise Paddy's Market make it a worthy candidate for designation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brad Hoylman in black ink.

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