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Re: Support for Paddy's Market Historic District, Hell's Kitchen, New York City

Dear Commissioners Kulleseid and Mackay,

Please accept this letter of support to designate "Paddy's Market" in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan on the list of National Register for Historic Places.

I understand your offices have both received letters of support to designate a new historic district in Hell's Kitchen, including letters from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, the Hudson Yards Hell's Kitchen Alliance, Manhattan Community Board 4, and Clinton Housing Development Company.

I appreciate that the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has responded to these letters and upon initial review believes that the historic properties within the proposed "Paddy's Market" district which includes nine-block fronts on either side of Ninth Avenue between West 35th and West 40th Streets may qualify for rehabilitation federal and state tax credits.

I also understand the State Review Board will be presented with the nomination for this proposed historic district in late 2021. I kindly request that you include my letter of support in your review for creating this new historic district in Hell's Kitchen.

My office has made it a priority to gain landmark protections for the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood and I am strongly supportive of the Historic District Council's (HDC) inclusion of the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in their "Six to Celebrate" program which targets just six neighborhoods citywide to provide resources to neighborhood groups to reach their preservation goals.

I believe as HDC does that the built environment of Hell's Kitchen reflects many important aspects of immigrant life at the turn of the century, incorporating the housing, institutions and industrial buildings that provided the livelihoods of newly-arrived New Yorkers for generations.

Thank you for your continued review and attention to designating “Paddy’s Market” a New York State Historic District. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this designation further with my office please feel free to contact Matt Green at my district office at 212-564-7757 or at mgreen@council.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,



Corey Johnson
Speaker
New York City Council

CC: Brian Lewis, Community Liaison, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
Jesse Bodine, District Manager, Manhattan Community Board 4
Robert Benfatto, President, Hudson Yards Hell's Kitchen Alliance
Joe Restuccia, Executive Director, Clinton Housing Development Company