



HISTORIC DISTRICTS COUNCIL

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

The Historic Districts Council is the voice for New York City's 59 designated historic districts, encompassing almost 20,000 buildings, and other neighborhoods meriting preservation. We are pleased to write in support of the appointment of David M. Teitelbaum to the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

As advocates for New York City's historic neighborhoods, we recognize how important historic preservation is not just to the social and cultural life of the city, but also to its economic vitality. The hallmark of Mr. Teitelbaum's career has been his ability to demonstrate the economic viability and benefits of preservation in a constantly changing city. The redevelopment of the Federal Archives building, for example, returned an enormous and important landmark in Greenwich Village to use as a residential building that dominates both the streetscape and the view of the neighborhood from the water. In addition to bringing the building onto New York City's tax rolls, the redevelopment spun off a generous fund of money that is used to provide low-interest loans for renovations to homes in low-income historic neighborhoods.

Perhaps Mr. Teitelbaum's most lasting contribution will be his leadership of Cathedral Stoneworks. This enterprise revived the ancient craft of stonemasonry, brought it to the 21st century through the application of the most advanced technology, and set an example of practical philanthropy by incorporating into its management a training program for neighborhood youths.

Mr. Teitelbaum's vision combined with down-to-earth practicality and laced with philanthropy should serve as an example to business people and civic leaders across the country. The President's Council on Historic Preservation would benefit enormously from his experience.

Sincerely,

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