



July 30, 1993

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to lend strong support to David M. Teitelbaum's application for a seat on the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation.

Although he hails from California, David has become very popular here in New York as a developer who obviously understands the need to make projects come in on budget while, at the same time, having genuine concern for, and sensitivity to, the requirements of historic preservation. I cannot think of a developer who is better informed on historic preservation or a preservationist who better understands the complexities of financing, planning, and actively constructing and marketing a project. I think that these qualities would be particularly valuable to the Advisory Council which has to find ways to balance competing interests.

I have known David in a variety of capacities: As a developer presenting projects to the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission (where I was chairman in the late '70s/early '80s); as a board member of the Municipal Art Society which regularly takes positions on public issues (where he has been a very effective balancing force and shown real character and good

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