

**THE NEW YORK
LANDMARKS
CONSERVANCY**

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**STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE
N.Y.C. LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE
PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE LYDIA ANN BELL AND J. WILLIAM AHLES
HOUSE, 39-24 – 39-26 213TH STREET, BAYSIDE, QUEENS, AS AN INDIVIDUAL
LANDMARK**

Good morning Chair Tierney and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to support designation of the Lydia Ann Bell and William Ahles House.

It is a fine example of the large estates that developed east of Manhattan in the second half of the 19th century. We are fortunate to have this handsome Second Empire style building which retains so much historic fabric.

We applaud the Commission for designation of another building in Queens, where so many historic resources are unprotected and lost every year.

The Conservancy looks forward to providing assistance to the property owner through our Technical Services Center and Historic Properties Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.