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**STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE AND THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE AS AN
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK**

Good morning Chair Srinivasan and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine is one of the most significant buildings in New York, with extraordinary architecture and a compelling role in the City's history and culture. Despite the fact that it was, and continues to be, unfinished, it was first proposed as a landmark in the Commission's inaugural 1966 calendar. At a 2002 hearing, we supported designation along with the owner and elected officials and we are pleased to do so again. We thank the owner for their stewardship of this extraordinary structure and continued support of designation. We thank Commission for bringing the Cathedral back to a public hearing, and urge a swift designation vote.

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