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MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG APPOINTS ROBERT B. TIERNEY AS CHAIR OF THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the appointment of Robert B. Tierney as Chair of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is responsible for identifying, designating, regulating and protecting the City's landmarks and historic districts. A designated landmark is a building or structure that has special historical, architectural, aesthetic or cultural value as part of the City's historical and architectural heritage.

"New York City has a rich history that is reflected in the character and preservation of our architectural and scenic landmarks," Mayor Bloomberg said. "Bob Tierney's knowledge, commitment and vast experience in the public and private sectors will help him lead this Commission in preserving our landmarks for future generations of New Yorkers."

"I am honored by the confidence shown by the Mayor in designating me to lead the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The Commission's mission to safeguard this City's unique historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage has never been more vital," said Robert Tierney. "At the same time, we must press forward to develop what the Mayor has aptly called the 'landmarks of the future'. I hope to lead the Landmarks Preservation Commission in a way that connects the City's rich heritage to an ever brighter and developing future."

Tierney was appointed to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by Mayor Bloomberg and confirmed by the City Council on December 4, 2002. Prior to his appointment, Robert B. Tierney was a visiting scholar

at New York University Taub Urban Research Center where focusing on issues of state and local governance. Tierney was also Director of Public Affairs at AT&T where he represented AT&T before New York City government and the New York Congressional delegation on government matters. Tierney also served as Counsel to Mayor Edward I. Koch and Assistant Counsel to Governor Hugh L. Carey. He earned a B.A. at Yale University in English and received his J.D. from Vanderbilt University.

The LPC has designated 1,091 individual landmarks and protects over 22,000 properties within 82 historic districts in all five boroughs of New York City. Structures thirty years or older are eligible for landmark status.

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