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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

January 22, 2025

Honorable Sarah Carroll, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
One Center Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007

RE: 809 Madison Avenue (Upper East Side Historic District) – *Sherida E. Paulsen, FAIA* – A Neo-Renaissance building designed by F. B. & A. Ware and constructed in 1924-1925. Application is for a new storefront display window at the East 68th Street façade.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on January 15, 2025, the Board approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS there are two retail stores on the ground floor of the northeast portion of the two-story base of 809 Madison Avenue; and

WHEREAS the two stores originally had matching brass storefronts; and

WHEREAS the storefront of the northerly store on the corner was changed to a storefront that did not match the overall design, the details, or the material of the original storefronts; and

WHEREAS the applicant seeks to add a storefront display window on the northern façade at the northeast corner of the building; and

WHEREAS there are similar corner conditions along Madison Avenue; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window will match the original storefront except for the doorway and the crown over the doorway that includes the street address; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window will match the storefront on the eastern end of the north façade except for the door; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window will be compatible with the character and materials of the main building entrance on East 68th Street; and

WHEREAS the proposed and original storefronts will have the same materials: brass frame, black metal sign band, black painted metal band with brass verticals at the bottom of the frame, and granite base; and

WHEREAS the proposed storefront frame will be proportioned to match and align with the original storefront; and

WHEREAS the glass panel within the frame will be 6'-10" wide by 5'-2" high; and

WHEREAS the sign band will be ten inches high, and the brass letters will be six inches high to match the original storefront; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window will be centered on the line of residential windows above; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window anticipates the removal and replacement of the non-historic storefront with a new storefront to match the historic storefront; and

WHEREAS the proposed display window will appear as if it were part of the original design of the base of the building; and

WHEREAS the proposed storefront display window is appropriate and contextual within the historic district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District