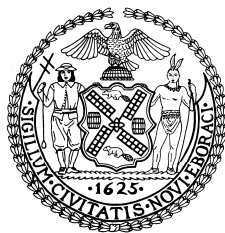


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 14, 2014

Public Design Commission
City Hall, Third Floor
New York, NY 10007
Attention: Jackie Snyder,
Executive Director

Re: First Academic Building

Dear Executive Director Jackie Snyder:

On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at the Full Board meeting Community Board 8M voted to approve the following resolution by a vote of 24 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Cornell/NYC Tech will be asking the city's Public Design Commission for approval of the design of the First Academic Building; and

WHEREAS the building provides considerable publicly accessible space at the ground floor; and

WHEREAS the building's design complements the design of the opposite Co-Location building; and

WHEREAS concern was expressed about the removal of existing trees along the site's perimeter; and

WHEREAS concern was expressed about the building's compliance with ADA standards, especially for those with hearing disabilities; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board approves the design of the First Academic Building subject to the following conditions:

1. That Cornell reexamines its landscaping plan as it relates to the existing trees along the site's perimeter.
2. That the First Academic Building be developed with Universal Design, especially with looping for the hearing impaired

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Viest
Chair

Jeffrey Escobar and Laurence Parnes
Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee

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