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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 19, 2016

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
One Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: 1048 Fifth Avenue-(between 85th and 86th Streets)-Metropolitan Museum Historic District**

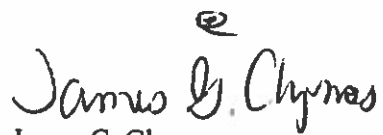
Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **1048 Fifth Avenue-(between 85<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets)-Metropolitan Museum Historic District-Matthew Kanewski, Architect**-French Classic style house designed by Carrere & Hastings and constructed in 1914. Application to install mechanical equipment on the roof.

**WHEREAS** 1048 Fifth Avenue is the Neue Galerie;  
**WHEREAS** the Galerie requires air conditioning and humidity control for the works of art and for the visitors to the Galerie;  
**WHEREAS** the existing roof top mechanical equipment is a 15 year old evaporative condenser that is nearing the end of its life;  
**WHEREAS** the evaporative condenser must be retained for redundancy;  
**WHEREAS** the new mechanical equipment will be an environmentally appropriate air cooled chiller that will be more efficient and less noisy than the existing equipment;  
**WHEREAS** the new chiller must be custom designed for the museum's requirements;  
**WHEREAS** the existing mechanical equipment is behind a louver enclosure which is set behind the top of the slope of the metal mansard roof on the East 86<sup>th</sup> Street side of the building;  
**WHEREAS** the louver enclosure will be extended with the same design at the same height towards the east to screen the new chiller;  
**WHEREAS** the combined existing and new louver enclosure is not visible from the Fifth Avenue sidewalk;  
**WHEREAS** the existing louver enclosure is minimally visible from the East 86<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk and the new portion of the louver enclosure will be slightly more visible due to the slight stepping back of the façade of the building;  
**WHEREAS** the new chiller is necessary for the proper functioning of the museum;  
**WHEREAS** there is little roof area available for mechanical equipment and the new chiller is being placed in the least visible location;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this application is approved as presented.

*This recommendation was approved by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.*

Sincerely,



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David Helpern and Jane Parshall  
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc:     Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
          Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
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          Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District