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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

March 23, 2012

Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 1067-1071 Lexington Avenue aka 170 East 76th Street [Saint Jean Baptiste Church] – INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **1067-1071 Lexington Avenue aka 170 East 76th Street [Saint Jean Baptiste Church] – INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK - Michael F. Doyle, FAIA**. Application is to replace limestone columns at the bell tower.

WHEREAS 1067-1071 Lexington Avenue is an Italian Renaissance style church, designed by Nicholas Sirracino and built in 1910.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the limestone columns on two bell towers with replica columns made of carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic ("CFRP") due to cracks in the existing limestone.

WHEREAS the use of CFRP would diminish the architectural grandeur of this individual landmark on the national register landmarks, and the Committee is not persuaded that every possible alternative to such material has been thoroughly explored.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
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David Helpern and David Liston
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senate Member
Hon. Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member