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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 18, 2013

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

Re: 11-15 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. #11 (between Fifth and Madison Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 11-15 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. #11 (between Fifth and Madison Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District - Andre Tchelistcheff Architects – A neo-French Classic style residence, designed by John Duncan, and built in 1909-1910; and a Beaux-Arts style residence, designed by Charles I. Berg, and built in 1909-1910. Application is to increase the height of a balcony railing.

WHEREAS 11-15 East 70th Street is a neo-French Classic style residence with a balcony with a decorative, cast iron metal railing on the third floor of the front façade;

**WHEREAS** the railing height is only 32" high and, due to its low height, it is not safe to be on the balcony;

WHEREAS the proposal is to raise the existing railing 10" to 42", to bring the railing into compliance with the Building Code;

WHEREAS the railing will be raised by setting it on a compatibly designed decorative cast iron band that creates an overall design for the decorative railing that is compatible with the design of the house; WHEREAS this is an appropriate solution to remedy the unsafe condition and the non-compliance with the Building Code;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Sincerely,

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Chair

A. 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