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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Re: 124 East 62nd Street (Park and Lexington Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **124 East 62nd Street (Park and Lexington Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District** – *Mr. Bill Higgins, Higgins Quasebarth & Partners,* Application is to legalize a Landmarks Preservation Commission violation for the illegal installation of an areaway fence.

WHEREAS 124 East 62nd Street is an Italinate-style brownstone house designed by Robert Mook and constructed in 1869-70.

WHEREAS 124 East 62nd Street is referred to as a "no style" building in the District designation report. **WHEREAS** the current owners did not install the areaway fence -- the current owners inherited the fence when they purchased the property.

WHEREAS at the beginning of the 20^{th} century, row houses of this style were often renovated to simplify the façade – a taller fence is in keeping with the vocabulary of this style of converted house. **WHEREAS** the 1940s tax photo indicates a lower railing and at the time of the historic district designation the fence was probably 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ high.

WHEREAS the current fence is approx. 6 ¹/₂' high and about 5' out from the front of the house. WHEREAS there is no documentation available as to when the fence was originally installed. WHEREAS while the height of the fence stands out on the block and in the historic district, the current owners were not responsible for its installation.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf Chair Jane Parshall 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 NYS Assembly Member Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member