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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission Municipal Building One Centre Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10007 CORRECTED COPY

Re: 129 East 94th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) -- Carnegie Hill Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 129 East 94th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) -- Carnegie Hill Historic District – David Hottenroth, Architect. Application is for restoration work at front elevation, enlargement of front areaway, and a rear yard addition.

Part 1: The front elevation.

WHEREAS 129 East 94th Street is a neo-Grec style rowhouse designed by F. S. Barus and constructed in 1878-1879.

WHEREAS 129 East 94th Street is in the middle row of 9 houses.

WHEREAS at the front elevation, the applicant proposes to recreate the original historic stoop (removed in the 1940s) and railing configuration, replace an existing window with a door based on the original design, and return the brownstone wherever it has been changed.

WHEREAS the proposed restoration work at the front elevation is appropriate and contextual within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 1 of this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Part 2: Rear Yard Extension

WHEREAS at the rear, the applicant proposes to extend out 12' at the garden level and 6' at the 2nd and 3rd floors.

WHEREAS the depth of the rear yard will be reduced from 48' to 35'6".

WHEREAS there will be new enlarged windows at the ground and first floors; the rear elevation will be brick painted white (the same as the existing elevation.

WHEREAS the rear gardens on this block (94th Street on one side and 95th Street on the other between Lexington and Park Avenues) create one of the most unique open spaces in Carnegie Hill.

WHEREAS further encroachment into the "donut" or open space should not be allowed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 2 of this application is disapproved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 30 in favor, 12 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest

Chair

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

Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District

Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

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