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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: 150 East 72nd Street -- Upper East Side Historic District Extension

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **150 East 72nd Street -- Upper East Side Historic District Extension** – *Malay Shaw, Architect and Valerie Campbell, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP*. Application is to construct an addition within the courtyard and to install mechanical equipment.

WHEREAS, 150 East 72nd Street is being restored for residential condominium use and retaining the existing retail use on the ground floor.

WHEREAS, the proposed window restoration to the original 9 over 1 windows has been approved at the staff level at the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing a 650 sq. ft. "recreation room" at the ground floor which will be built out into the courtyard and invisible from the public way.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to install a series of 6' x 10' mechanical platforms extending up the building for 10 floors to provide heating and cooling units for apartments on each floor. These platforms will present as a fire escape. (The top two floors of the building will be serviced from the roof; the unit serving them will be set behind the 4' papapet wall.)

WHEREAS, the platforms will be invisible except from the gate at the street that leads from the alleyway to the courtyard at the rear of the building where the platforms will be constructed.

WHEREAS, the application proposes minimal additions to 150 East 72nd Street and provides a sophisticated, environmentally correct solution for heating and cooling the building.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest 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 Hon. Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member