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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: 2 East 70th Street, Apt. 1a/2a (Fifth Avenue) – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the board adopted the following resolutions regarding **2 East 70**th **Street, Apt. 1a/2a (Fifth Avenue) – Upper East Side Historic District** – *Todd Brickell, Architect.* Application is to replace the existing 5th Avenue exterior double doors with a single door and side lights and to install an entry device (numeric keypad, camera and speaker).

WHEREAS, 2 East 70th Street is a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Rosario Candela and constructed in 1927-28.

WHEREAS, the applicant wants to replace the existing double doors [the entry to a maisonette] with a single door at the ground level of the Fifth Avenue elevation.

WHEREAS, each side of the existing double door is 1'll" wide and not handicapped accessible.

WHEREAS, the new single door will be 2'10" wide with a side light on each side.

WHEREAS, the replacement single door will be within the existing masonry opening.

WHEREAS, the new door will open outward, but since there is a garden in front of 2 East 70th Street along 5th Avenue, the door, when open, will not interfere in any way with pedestrian traffic.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes a new bronze door control place to be set into masonry adjacent to the door.

WHEREAS, the new door is in keeping with the character of the original design and is an excellent solution to making the entry to the maisonette handicapped accessible.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 43 in favor, 2 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 Hon. Jonathan Bing, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member