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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

September 20, 2012

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

Re: 42 East 69th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) [Jewish National Fund] - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **42 East 69th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) [Jewish National Fund] - Upper East Side Historic District** – *Neil Weisbard, Counsel and Herb Mandel, Architect* – A neo-French Renaissance (Francois I) style residence designed by C.P.H. Gilbert and built in 1919-21. Application to alter the existing façade, replace windows, and demolition and reconstruction of Annex.

WHEREAS the Board wishes to take this application in two parts: Part 1 (the Main Building) and Part 2 (the Annex).

Part 1 – the Main Building

WHEREAS the changes to the front façade are limited to removing the grills in front of the eastern window and the western egress door;

WHEREAS the eastern window will be replaced with a door that will enable access for the handicapped and will match the existing western door;

WHEREAS the enlargement of the cellar in the rear enables the construction of a terrace at the first floor;

WHEREAS the new doors to the terrace are within the existing window openings and are similar in character to the windows being replaced;

WHEREAS the enlargement of the fifth floor will align the face of the fifth floor with the rear façade of the first through fourth floors below;

WHEREAS the façade of the enlargement will be of brick to match the brick at the rear of the building and whose windows will be smaller but similar to the windows on the fourth floor; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is approved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

Part 2 – the Annex

WHEREAS the screen wall in front of the Annex will incorporate one of the grills removed from the east and west doors of the front façade;

WHEREAS the front façade of the Annex, which is set back 15 feet from the property line, will be of translucent glass in a contemporary character to reflect that this structure is not part of the original building;

WHEREAS the proposed front façade of the Annex will be different in design and character from the original building, the proposal is sufficiently harmonious with same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application is approved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 28 in favor, 12 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
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David 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