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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 22, 2014

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

Re: 44 East 74th Street (between Park and Madison)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 44 East 74th Street (between Park and Madison)-Upper East Side Historic District-Roxana Escobar, Architect-Beaux Arts style building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1904-05. Application to make changes at front elevation.

WHEREAS 44 East 74th Street is a Beaux Arts style house designed by George F. Pelham and constructed in 1904-1905.

WHEREAS 44 East 74th Street was formerly apartments; it has been returned to single family use.

WHEREAS 44 East 74th Street is a 5 story building with a metal railing at the roof above the parapet

WHEREAS the metal railing has 2' wide openings that present a safety hazard.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the existing metal railing with a wall that will be the same exact height as the railing at 32"

WHEREAS the proposed replacement wall will be set back approximately 32" from the roofline and is minimally visible from the public way.

WHEREAS the proposed replacement wall will be finished in stucco

WHEREAS the proposed replacement wall is contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

THEREFORE be it resolved that this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 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 Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 76th Assembly District

Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District

Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District