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The City of New York **Manhattan Community Board 8**

January 16, 2014

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

45 East 66th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East side Historic District Re:

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 45 East 66th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) - Upper East side Historic District -Jeffery Cole, Architect - A neo-French Renaissance with Gothic elements style apartment building designed by Harde & Short and built in 1906-08. Application is for a penthouse rooftop addition.

Whereas 45 East 66th Street is an elegant gothic style building of exceptional design;

Whereas the existing 11th floor is set back and hidden, for the most part, by a high parapet;

Whereas the existing 11th floor is clad in bronze Duranodic panels:

Whereas the proposed 12th floor vertical addition will also be clad in bronze Duranodic panels;

Whereas the 12th floor will be minimally visible from the north along Madison Avenue and very visible from East 66th Street and Park Avenue;

Whereas the bronze Duranodic cladding is out of character with the design of the original building;

Whereas the proposed 12th floor addition was not part of the intent of the Harde & Short design; Whereas the proposed 12th floor addition is not appropriate to the historic district;

Therefore be it resolved that this application be disapproved.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest

Chair

David Helpern, David Liston and Jane Parshall

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York cc:

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District

Honorable Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member, 65th 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