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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 21, 2016

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission Municipal Building One Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: 46 East 66th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 46 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District – Charles Platt, architect; Rhonda Wist, Wist Preservation Associates, presenting. Application is to install a metal fence.

WHEREAS 46 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street was originally designed in the neo-Grec manner by J. H. Valentine and constructed in 1877-78; in 1919, Mott Schmidt replaced the existing front elevation with a neo-Georgian façade.

WHEREAS the Republic of Senegal purchased the residence in 1983; it 2013 it was sold to a developer. It has now been converted back to a single family house.

WHEREAS all restoration work on the property has been approved at the staff level at the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS the application before us is for a fence to provide separation and a buffer from the street to the house.

WHEREAS the proposed fence would be 4' high set onto a 2" limestone base and would extend out 3' into the sidewalk. At the corners there would be decorative balls that raise the overall height to 4'2".

WHEREAS the fence will be made of bronze; over time the bronze color will turn into a soft gray-green color.

WHEREAS the Charles Platt design for the fence, inspired by the Mott Schmidt designed fence at 15 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street, is very simple and doesn't distract from the elegant architecture of the house with its spectacular Georgian entrance.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 34 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely, & Chym

James G. Clynes Chairman David Helpern and Jane Parshall Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District