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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

November 17, 2016

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

**Re: 563 Park Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District**

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, the board unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding **563 Park Avenue (NE corner Park Avenue and 62nd Street)** – Upper East Side Historic District – David J. Weiner, Architect. Application is for installation of handicapped accessible platform lift.

**WHEREAS** 563 Park Avenue (aka “The Lancashire”) is a 13-story, neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Walter B. Chambers and constructed in 1909-1910.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to install a vertical platform lift to be located in the side yard to the south of the building entrance.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes the side yard location for the lift because at the entrance there are 4 steps on the exterior and 9/10 steps on the interior that must be navigated before arriving at the interior elevators.

**WHEREAS** at the side yard there is now an open fence area and a solid metal plate with a gate – both the open fence and the solid metal plate are topped by decorative metal work.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to modify the open fence area to accommodate the installation of a new black platform lift door with a solid metal plate. [The remaining part of the enclosure to the side yard is now and will remain a solid metal plate with an entrance/service door/gate to the side yard.]

**WHEREAS** the existing decorative metal work on top of the existing solid metal plate gate would be replicated on the top of the new solid metal lift door.

**WHEREAS** the callbox to operate the lift would be accessible to wheelchairs.

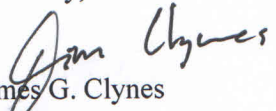
**WHEREAS** the existing neo-Renaissance apartment building would not have to be altered in any way.

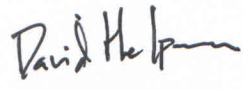
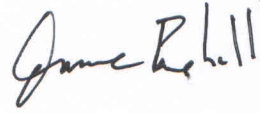
**WHEREAS** the applicant’s solution to provide for handicapped accessibility is contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

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

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Sincerely,

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James G. Clynes  
Chairman

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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, 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