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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Re: 58 East 66th Street-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **58 East 66th Street – Upper East Side Historic District –** *Mr. Stephen Wang Architect.* Application is for a rear yard extension and window replacement.

WHEREAS 58 East 66th Street is a five-story Beaux Arts building designed by Buchman and Fox and constructed in 1908-09.

WHEREAS the existing backyard is at the cellar level; the applicant proposes to raise up the backyard/rear yard so that it will be level with the rear yards of the neighboring properties.

WHEREAS a "lid" will be placed over the space at the cellar level and in this way storage space/mechanical space will be created beneath the new rear yard which will have a garden on top of the concrete "lid".

WHEREAS there are leaded/stained glass windows in the back of the house in various locations.

WHEREAS the applicant hired an outside expert to determine if the windows are of historical importance – this was required by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS the expert determined that the windows are not significant in any way and are not old and were cut to fit into aluminum frames.

WHEREAS the applicant wants to remove all of the leaded/stained glass windows and replace them with traditional double hung wooden windows that will match the windows on the front elevation.

WHEREAS the changes proposed by the applicant both at the rear yard and for window replacement at the rear elevation are contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that f this application is approved as presented.

This resolution was approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf Chair Jane Parshall 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. Jonathan Bing, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member Stephen Wang, Architect