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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

March 25, 2013

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

Re: 747 Madison Avenue aka 30-38 East 65th Street – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **747 Madison Avenue aka 30-38 East 65th Street – Upper East Side Historic District**. *Victor Zamparelli, Architect*. Application is to add new storefront infill.

WHEREAS 747 Madison Avenue is an apartment building designed by Kokkins and Lyras and constructed in 1959.

WHEREAS there is now one existing retail space at the ground level; the landlord is dividing the space in half and removing the apartment at the 2nd floor so that that each retail space will now be two stories high – one half to be occupied by Alexander McQueen and the other space not yet leased.

WHEREAS the applicant (Alexander McQueen) proposes facing the new double height space in white and gray carrara marble and use an aged brass outer frame with a polished brass inner frame for the new enlarged double height windows.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove the band coursing now at the height of the existing 2nd floor and proposes to add a new vertical element made of aged brass across the new front elevation approximately 3 or 4' up from the ground level.

WHEREAS the loss of the existing band course at the top of the second floor removes a existing strong architectural element from the front elevation; the band course that is characteristic of the building will be abruptly ended.

WHEREAS use of the white marble, even with the elements of gray within it, is just too bright and creates a jarring juxtaposition between the existing storefronts and the proposed new storefront.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 35 in favor, 5 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nicholas Viest.

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Handwritten signatures of David Helpen and David Liston.

David Helpen 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. Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member