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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 31, 2012

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

Re: 785 Fifth Avenue (between 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **785 Fifth Avenue** (between 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District – Claus F. Rademacher, Architect – An apartment building designed by Richard Roth of Emery Roth & Son and built in 1962-63. Application to install a new terrace enclosure.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to install a new terrace enclosure made of aluminum-framed glass, measuring approximately 70 square feet, on the presently un-enclosed terrace of an apartment on the ninth floor of the building;

**WHEREAS** the building has at least one other terrace enclosure that appears significantly different in shape and design from the one currently proposed;

WHEREAS the Committee believes that the building should adopt a Master Plan governing the design and materials for any such enclosures so as to best protect the character and uniformity of design of the building:

**WHEREAS** the applicant failed to provide the Committee with sample materials to aid the Committee in assessing the likely visual impact of the proposal;

**WHEREAS** the proposed terrace enclosure would be easily visible from street level from both north and west of the building;

WHEREAS the building is an architecturally significant location in an historic district;

**WHEREAS** the proposed terrace enclosure will be at odds with the character and design of the building and the historic district in which it is located.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the application is disapproved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 28 in favor, 8 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest Chair David Helpern 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