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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

October 23, 2012

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

Re: 800 Fifth Avenue (between 61st and 62nd Streets) - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 800 Fifth Avenue (between 61st and 62nd Streets) - Upper East Side Historic District - *John P. Williams, Architect* – A Post Modern style residence designed by Ulrich Franzen & Associates and built in 1977-78. Application to alter garden rooftop and plaza.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove the current garden rooftop and plaza which includes a decorative water pool in order to make repairs to the parking garage beneath same.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace said garden rooftop and plaza with a new garden rooftop and plaza which would have more shade trees and ornamental plantings, and a larger water pool, then are presently there, and which would be configured such that there would less exposed pavement than is presently there in the current configuration.

WHEREAS the applicant would replace the existing planters along the 61st Street side of the current garden rooftop and plaza with new planters and new plantings, substantially similar in size and design to those presently there.

WHEREAS the above changes would not significantly change the view of the garden rooftop and plaza from what is currently visible from the public way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT this application is approved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 7 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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