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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

August 19, 2015

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

Re: 801 Madison Avenue (between 67th and 68th Street)-Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Landmarks committee meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, the committee adopted the following resolution regarding 801 Madison Avenue (between 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> Street)-Upper East Side Historic District - Page Cowley, Architect. Application is for work on front façade and storefront..

WHEREAS this five story building is about four feet forward of the other buildings on the block;

WHEREAS the existing building has a simple façade without ornamentation in contrast to the other buildings on the block;

WHEREAS the existing building has a two story storefront with stucco walls, recessed, curved glass storefront on the first floor with brass storefront framing,, granite tile on the second floor, a brass spandrel panel dividing the first and second floors, polished granite cladding and fixed windows on the upper three floors, and polished granite at the cornice level;

WHEREAS this application is for a totally new façade;

WHEREAS the walls and fascia of the first two stories will be clad in limestone;

WHEREAS the two story storefront will be flush with the exterior face of the building:

WHREAS a double height space will be created behind the storefront;

WHEREAS the storefront on the first floor will have a glass central panel with glass doors either side with bronze framing;

WHEREAS the first and second floor storefronts will be divided by a bronze spandrel panel;

WHEREAS the storefront on the second floor will be a single glass panel;

WHEREAS the upper three floors will be clad in brown sandstone:

WHEREAS the buildings either side and most of the neighboring buildings on the block have three, one over one, double hung windows at floors three through five;

WHEREAS the third floor of 801 Madison Avenue will have a single, large aluminum window divided into three vertical panels of fixed glass;

WHEREAS the fourth and fifth floors will have three, one over one, wood double hung windows

WHEREAS the building will have a new sheet metal cornice and stone coping;

WHEREAS this building is reminiscent of the other buildings on the block but simpler in its design;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that this application is disapproved.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

Chairman

David Helpen - Jane Parshner

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
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