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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

February 20, 2014

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

Re: 841 Lexington Avenue (between 64th and 65th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District Extension

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, the board adopted the following recommendation regarding **841 Lexington Avenue** (between 64th and 65th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District Extension – Daniel Allen, Architect – A Simplified Colonial Revival style building designed by Thomas W. Lamb, Inc. and built in 1929. Application is to install a box awning over the existing storefront spa entry.

Motion to Approve:

WHEREAS 841 Lexington Avenue is a "simplified" Colonial Revival style building designed by Thomas Lamb and constructed in 1929.

WHEREAS there are two entrances to 841 Lexington Avenue, one on Lexington Avenue and one on 64th Street

WHEREAS the entrance on 64th Street is entirely exposed and is not obviously perceived as a point of entry to either the retail establishment at the ground level and the spa at the second floor.

WHEREAS the applicant, to bring attention to the 64th Street entrance, wishes to install a box awning with a rectilinear box frame covered in canvas, within the existing limestone lintel.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning will project 4' out over the entrance and will be 1'10" high and 12'11" wide so that it extends over the width of storefront entrance

WHEREAS the proposed box awning will be black with white lettering.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning does not conform to Landmarks Preservation Commission rules for awnings/canopies within historic districts; the applicant is seeking LPC approval for a non-compliant awning. **WHEREAS** the proposed box awning blocks the east/west vista along 64th Street.

WHEREAS there are no other awnings along the north side of 64th Street which is residential except for 841 Lexington Avenue.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning is out of context and inappropriate within the historic district.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 42 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest Chair David Helpern and Jane Parshall Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York cc:

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