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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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

Re: 851 Lexington Avenue (between 64th and 65th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District Extension

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **851 Lexington Avenue (between 64th and 65th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District Extension** – *Chon Engineering P. C.* Application is to modify storefront infill installed without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

WHEREAS, 851 Lexington Avenue is an altered neo-Grec style rowhouse designed by Robert H. Coburn and constructed in 1880-81.

WHEREAS, 851 Lexington Avenue is a 4-story building with a commercial use at the ground level and residential units above.

WHEREAS, the applicant proceeded with storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission approval; the applicant felt that the storefront façade at the ground level was in a state of extreme disrepair.

WHEREAS, this existing condition received a violation; the applicant is now proposing a revised storefront design to replace the existing design.

WHEREAS, the new design includes a thinner frame for all the elements of the storefront, including the windows and doors.

WHEREAS, the new design includes two side-by-side entry doors that will replace the single door so that the entry provides handicapped accessibility.

WHEREAS, the new design is not an improvement over the existing illegally installed storefront.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ludorf
Chair

Jane Parshall 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