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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 22, 2016

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

Re: 860 Madison Avenue - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, the board adopted the following resolution regarding 860 Madison Avenue at 70th Street -- Upper East Side Historic District - Joseph Tarella, architect. Application is for window replacement and to install roof top air conditioners.

WHEREAS 860 Madison Avenue is a no-style commercial building designed by Francis Y. Joannes and constructed in 1924.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove all existing storefront glazing on 70th Street and on Madison Avenue on both the first and second floors -- approximately 29 windows altogether, including door sidelights and window sidelights; the glazing will be replaced in-kind.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes 12 retractable awnings for the retail windows at the first and second floors along Madison Avenue and for the 2 windows on 70th Street [one at the first floor and one above it at the 2nd floor]; the awnings will be approximately 10'7" wide across each bay with 6" skirts and will be dark gray.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes three new air conditioning units at the north end of the roof with a screen around them; the air conditioners are minimally visible from the public way and will extend 1' above the roof line [the units are each 5'8" high x 32" deep -- and will partially hidden by the restored parapet].

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove all signage on the spandrals; the only signage will be on the awning skirts. (The former tenant, Juicy Couture, placed signage on all the spandrals, so that the front elevation at the ground level presented as busy.)

WHEREAS the applicant did present a materials board.

WHEREAS the applicant's approach is sensitive within the historic district and is to be commended.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Chairman

cc:

David Helpern and Jane Parshall Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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