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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 22, 2015

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

**Re: 911 Park Avenue (between 79th and 80th Streets/ – Park Avenue Historic District**

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, the Full Board adopted the following resolution regarding **911 Park Avenue (between 79th and 80th Streets/ – Park Avenue Historic District**– Mark Anderson, architect. Application is for window replacement Master Plan.

WHEREAS 911 Park Avenue is a 14-story Renaissance Revival building designed by Schwartz & Gross and constructed 1925-26.

WHEREAS 911 Park Avenue has 1200 windows; the original historic windows were all 6 over 6; today 5% of windows on the front elevation are original and 15% on the rear elevation are original. Most windows have been replaced.

WHEREAS at the first three floors at the front elevation, the applicant proposes to reinforce the base of the building by retaining the historic design of 6 over 6 windows; the remaining 11 floors will have 1 over 1 windows. [There is one 12 over 12 window at the ground elevation which will also be retained.]

WHEREAS at the front elevation, the applicant proposes to replicate the decorative window moldings.

WHEREAS at the rear elevation, all windows will be 1 over 1.



WHEREAS all of the proposed new windows on both the front and rear elevations, will be made of painted aluminum, except for the required fireproofed windows in the stairwells at the rear which will be made of steel.



WHEREAS the proposed Master Plan for 911 Park Avenue does not mandate the original historic 6 over 6 wood windows – the only 6 over 6 windows required in the applicant's proposal are for the first three floors at the front elevation – and these are aluminum windows, not wood windows.

WHEREAS the applicant's proposed Master Plan for the windows is not contextual and appropriate within the historic district

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

*This recommendation was approved by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.*

Sincerely,   
  
James G. Clynes  
Chairman

  
  
David Helpem 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  
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District  
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District