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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: 925 Park Avenue (between 80th and 81st 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 925 Park Avenue (between 80th and 81st Streets) – Park Avenue Historic District—Panorama Windows. Application is for a building wide Master Plan for window replacement

WHEREAS 925 Park Avenue is a 14-story Renaissance Revival apartment building designed by Delano and Aldrich and constructed in 1907-08, making it one of the most historic buildings in Manhattan.

WHEREAS the exterior stands out from its neighbors, largely because of its impressive limestone façade; the lower floor windows are crowned by art deco style arches and the windows are the upper floors are topped with distinctive brickwork.

WHEREAS the original historic windows were 4 over 4 wood double hung windows.

WHEREAS the existing pattern today consists of mostly 1 over 1 double hung windows with a few tilt & turn windows with transoms above.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a Master Plan for the windows that would keep the 1 over 1 configuration and would be made of aluminum. [The proposed Master Plan would be consistent with the existing configuration of the majority of the windows.]

WHEREAS 925 Park Avenue, designed by one of the great architectural firms of that era, is one of the most impressive apartment buildings within the new Park Avenue Historic District.

WHEREAS the proposed Master Plan, for 1 over 1 aluminum windows, is out of context and inappropriate within the historic district.

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

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes

Chairman

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

Ce: 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