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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 25, 2011

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

Re: 140 East 63rd Street (aka 136-146 East 63rd Street, 813-817 Lexington Avenue [Barbizon Hotel])

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **140 East 63rd Street (aka 136-146 East 63rd Street, 813-817 Lexington Avenue [Barbizon Hotel]** - Discussion of a resolution in support of a Landmarks Preservation Commission proposal.

WHEREAS The Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts submitted the request for evaluation of 140 East 63rd Street.

WHEREAS 140 East 63rd Street was designed in the North Italian Renaissance style with eclectic detailing by Murgatroyd and Ogden and constructed in 1927-28.

WHEREAS 140 East 63rd Street was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

WHEREAS 140 East 63rd Street was built as a residence for single women who at that time were increasingly attending college and seeking professional careers.

WHEREAS the 23-story Barbizon is an excellent representative of the 1920s apartment hotel building type with step-back massing that reflects the influence of the 1916 zoning code while the detailing of the lower stories and upper rooflines display a mastery of the eclectic ornamentation popular at the time of the building's construction.

WHEREAS the Barbizon, which retains a high degree of architectural integrity since it was constructed, has not just contributed to the architectural history of this great city but to its social history as well by providing, at the time, inexpensive housing for single women. Many of the residents of the Barbizon were famous actresses, models, authors, and artists and included Alice Sachs who was an editor at Crown Books and for many years the co-chair of the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 8.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee supports giving an individual Landmarks designation to 140 East 63rd Street.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 5 opposed and 3 abstentions.

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
NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member