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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007

**Re: MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMUNITY BOARD
REVIEW OF LANDMARKS APPLICATIONS**

Dear Honorable Stringer:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, the board adopted the following resolution regarding the **Manhattan Borough Board resolution regarding Community Board review of Landmarks Applications.**

WHEREAS, Community Boards, as the most local form of City government, are uniquely suited to offer input and expertise on individual landmarks applications and provide advisory opinions to the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC); and
WHEREAS, unlike other land use review processes that abide by a distinct timeline or schedule, LPC does not follow a uniform or defined timeline for the review of landmarks applications; and
WHEREAS, although LPC refers landmarks proposals to Community Boards for input, Community Boards are not afforded a consistent and defined period of time to provide meaningful review and evaluation for these applications; and
WHEREAS, this arrangement has led to circumstances when Community Board landmarks committees were unable to review a landmarks application prior to a LPC vote; Community Board full boards have been unable to review and vote on an application prior to a LPC vote; and Community Board full boards have overturned votes from their landmarks committees, thereby changing the position of the Board;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Community Board 8 urges LPC to adopt a formal and defined timeline that allows Community Boards to provide meaningful input on all landmarks applications; and
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Community Board 8 recommends that LPC provide Community Boards a minimum of 45 days of review between the time when a given landmarks application is calendared to when the Commission takes the official vote on the application.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Sincerely,

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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
Hon. Robert B. Tierney, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission