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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

July 22, 2010

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

Re: Proposal from the East 93rd Street Beautification Association to present its Request for Evaluation (RFE) to extend the Carnegie Hill Historic District one block east to include the collection of historic structures on East 93rd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Dear Chair Tierney:

At the Land Use/Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, the board **disapproved** the following resolution regarding the proposal from the East 93rd Street Beautification Association to present its Request for Evaluation (RFE) to extend the Carnegie Hill Historic District one block east to include the collection of historic structures on East 93rd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS the north and south sides of 93rd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues contain some of the finest and oldest examples of rowhouses in Carnegie Hill.

WHEREAS the row houses on the south side of the block were built in four distinct groups from 1865 to 1876.

WHEREAS one of the most notable historic details of these houses is the unique “stepped-down” design of the roofs and the windows to accommodate the street’s steep slope.

WHEREAS the north side of the block features three four-story apartment buildings constructed in 1881. The famous Marx brothers grew up in one of these buildings and like the rowhouses on the south side of the block, these apartment buildings also feature a stepped-down roofscape reflecting the steep slope of the street.

WHEREAS landmarking East 93rd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues as an extension of the Carnegie Hill Historic District would compliment the rowhouse history in Carnegie Hill as preserved in the original Carnegie Hill Historic District (1974), the expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District (1993) and the Hardenbergh/Rhineland Historic District (1998).

WHEREAS two houses on the south side of East 93rd Street have already been demolished for a new condominium.

WHEREAS this important block needs immediate protection from further demolition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board #8 supports the East 93rd Street Beautification Association in their effort to include East 93rd Street between Lexington and Third Avenues in the Carnegie Hill Historic District.

This resolution was disapproved by a vote of 15 in favor, 20 opposed and 0 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
Hon. Jonathan Bing, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, NYS Assembly Member
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member
Hon. Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Member
Susan Hefti, East 93rd Street Beautification Association