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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 21, 2015

Hon. Peter A. Koo, Chair
NYC Council Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses
250 Broadway, 16th Flr.
New York, NY 10007

Re: Discussion of Intro 775, which imposes strict deadlines and penalties on the Landmarks Preservation Commission's ability to consider potential landmarks

Dear Chair Koo:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, the board adopted the following resolution regarding Discussion of Intro 775, which imposes strict deadlines and penalties on the Landmarks Preservation Commission's ability to consider potential landmarks.

WHEREAS Intro 775 is too restrictive and places an unacceptable time burden on the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission has an unpredictable slate of applications that it must address; the Landmarks Preservation Commission cannot adhere to a strict calendar or timeline for the applications that are calendared for public hearings.

WHEREAS Intro 775 does not address how to accommodate the current backlog of 100 calendared items.

WHEREAS a critical component of Intro 775 treats as EQUAL [and without a thoughtful evaluation of any difference in the three categories] a) a disapproval, b) a failure to hold a hearing, and c) a failure to designate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD #8M urges the City Council to strongly oppose Intro 775.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James G. Clynes.

James G. Clynes
Chairman

Handwritten signature of David Helpem and Jane Parshall.

David Helpem and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District
Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th District
Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District

Hon. Annabel Palma, NYC Council Member, 18th Council District
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Hon. Maria Del Carmen Arroyo, NYC Council Member, 17th Council District
Hon. Rosie Mendez, NYC Council Member, 2nd Council District
Hon. Stephen T. Levin, NYC Council Member, 33rd Council District
Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission