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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

January 19th, 2017

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

Re: 17 East 71st Street - Upper East Side Historic District

Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8 on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017, the Board adopted the following resolution regarding **17 East 71st Street (between Fifth and Madison Avenues) Upper East Side Historic District**. *Joseph S. Tarella., architect*. Application is for work at the front elevation, including the addition of an exterior metal sign, awnings, and recessed lighting.

WHEREAS 17 East 71st Street is a neo-Federal style residence designed by Thom and Wilson and constructed in 1889.

WHEREAS 17 East 71st Street was altered by Harry Allen in 1918.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the awning over the entry door and add awnings at the 2nd and 3rd floors. The color of the awnings would be beige.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a very small sign plate to the left of the entry door identifying the tenant.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes subtle architectural lighting at the sills of the windows at the 2nd and 3rd floors; the lights will be turned off when the store closes.

WHEREAS the windows at the second floor are the most architectural significant detail of the property – there are three French windows with lunettes above that present as Palladian in style.

WHEREAS the proposed awnings for these three windows would be installed at the top of the French doors rather than arched above the lunettes.

WHEREAS the proposed awnings at the 2nd floor detract significantly from the architecture of the front elevation and are not appropriate within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **DISAPPROVED** as presented.

This recommendation was passed by a vote of 35 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes
Chairman

David Helpen and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member, 76th District State
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District