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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**

April 23, 2018

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building  
One Center Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY, 10007

**RE: 655 Park Avenue (NE Corner of Park Ave and 68<sup>th</sup> Street) – Upper East Side Historic District.**  
Georgis & Mirgorodsky, architect. Application is to make alterations to roof.

Dear Chair Srinivasan:


At the Community Board 8 Manhattan Full Board meeting held on April 18, 2018, the Board approved the following resolution with a vote 34 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.



**WHEREAS** the proposed penthouse will contain 880 square feet of space; and,  
**WHEREAS** the intent of the penthouse design is to blend in with the bulkheads on the roof; and,  
**WHEREAS** the demolition will remove an archway that is not visible from street level in an existing bulkhead; and,  
**WHEREAS** the height of the lower penthouse roof will be 8'-5" above the roof terrace; and,  
**WHEREAS** the height of the bulkheads is 9'-10" above the roof terrace; and,  
**WHEREAS** the height of the proposed clerestory is 10'-7" above the existing roof; and,  
**WHEREAS** the existing flues will be upgraded and extended five inches to 11'-5" above the terrace to meet Building Code height requirements with respect to the new penthouse; and,  
**WHEREAS** the height of the existing skylights over the bulkheads, which vary in height, are all higher than the top of the proposed clerestory and the tops of the chimney flues; and,  
**WHEREAS** the walls will be finished in an off-white stucco to match the color of the existing stucco; and,  
**WHEREAS** the windows and glass doors will be black colored steel with multi-pane glazing; and,  
**WHEREAS** the copper fascia of the proposed clerestory and new copper flashing will match the copper of the existing bulkheads; and,  
**WHEREAS** the existing copper will be repaired and cleaned; and,  
**WHEREAS** only 6" of the new copper cornice is visible from the west side of Park Avenue between 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Street and only a small portion of the addition is visible from the west side of Park Avenue between 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Street; and,  
**WHEREAS** the views cited are the most critical in that the building steps up from west to east, which makes the higher portion, on which the penthouse will be built, more visible from street level; and,  
**WHEREAS** this deferential penthouse addition is appropriate and contextual in the historic district;

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

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp*   
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*David Helpen*  & *Jane Parshall*   
David Helpen and Jane Parshall  
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

- cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York  
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