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Manhattan Community Board 8

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

RE: 944 Park Avenue (SW corner of Park Avenue and 81st Street) – Park Avenue Historic District.
Carlos Zaskorski, architect. Application is for installation of air conditioning louvers.

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, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS 944 Park Avenue is an Art Deco-style apartment building designed by George Pelham and constructed in 1929-30; and,

WHEREAS there are now 33 air conditioning louvers on the front elevation of 944 Park Avenue; the installation of the louvers predates Historic District designation; and,

WHEREAS there is decorative brickwork in the spandrels where the 33 louvers are located; the existing louvers are set back within a brick detail and while cut into the decorative brickwork, a portion of the decorative brick spandrel remains; and,

WHEREAS the applicant proposes the addition of 3 more A/C louvers at the 11th floor facing Park Avenue; the new louvers would be painted to match the color of the existing brick so that they are less conspicuous; and,

WHEREAS there are already 33 existing A/C louvers on the front elevation; and,

WHEREAS 944 Park Avenue is encouraged to develop a master plan for future A/C installation that minimizes their intrusion into the decorative brickwork on the spandrels, one of the distinguishing characteristics of the front elevation;

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

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

Sincerely,

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David Helpem + *Jane Parshall*
David Helpem and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District