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

RE: 240 East 61st Street (between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue) — Treadwell Farms Historic District. Toby Cohn, attorney for the owner presenting. Application is for legalization of paint work done at front elevation without a Landmarks Preservation Commission permit.

Dear Vice Chair Bland:

At the Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board 8 held on July 18, 2018, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS when the current owner took title to the property in 2007, the house had already been painted white; the applicant did not know when the house was painted white.

WHEREAS in 2012, parts of the front elevation were painted white again after repairs were done to correct areas at the front elevation where water damage had occurred.

WHEREAS the applicant would like a retroactive legalization for the white paint color.

WHEREAS the original character of the houses within the Treadwell Farms Historic District presents as

WHEREAS the white paint color is out of context and inappropriate within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is <u>disapproved</u> as presented.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

Chair

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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

Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th 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