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## The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

November 15, 2018

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

RE: 146 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington Avenues) – Extended Upper East Side Historic District John Woell, Steven Harris Architects LLP – Application is for restoration of front elevation, adding a gate to the areaway, extending the height of the rear elevation and excavating the rear yard.

## Dear Chair Carroll:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on November 14, 2018, the board voted to <u>approve</u> the following section of the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS 146 East 65th Street is a Colonial revival-style single family home designed by Treanor & Fatio and constructed in 1924:

WHEREAS 146 East 65th Street is the last house with the lower boundary of the Upper East Side Historic District Extension;

WHEREAS 146 East 65th Street was built on the foundations of two pre-existing houses.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes the complete restoration of the front and rear elevations, including the replacement of the aluminum windows on the mansard roof;

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a gate at the front entrance; the gate will replicate in detail the existing gate at the service door;

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to lower the existing rear yard by a depth of 6' and to create a new historically appropriate small deck at the parlor level, with a stair at the 1st or parlor floor (the ground floor above the basement level) to the new garden level; the new excavation will allow for access to the garden from the basement level. See below,

WHEREAS the railing at the small deck will relate to the existing iron work;

WHEREAS the below grade excavation will allow for access to the rear yard from the previous below grade basement level by creating a set of 5 new steel window systems that present as French doors;

WHEREAS the below grade excavation will also bring light and air into the below grade space at the basement level of the house. [The existing rear elevation now presents as 4 floors; the proposed

rear elevation will change to 5 floors by means of the excavation in the rear yard and the addition of the French door system at the basement level.]:

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to extend the rear elevation/parapet by 4'7" and extend up the windows at the existing 4th floor; the overall height of the house will change from 53'1" to 57' 10 1/2";

WHEREAS the proposed extension of the rear elevation would be to a depth of 20' and would provide for an additional 920 sq. ft. of space;

WHEREAS the proposed new height of the extension is not visible from the public way; the height of the floor below will be reduced to allow for the creation of a new floor above;

WHEREAS the roof bulk head would be expanded slightly to accommodate a new stair and elevator; the bulkhead will be slightly visible from the public way;

WHEREAS some concerns were raised about the proposed height of the windows at the top floor; WHEREAS the applicant's proposed changes at the rear elevation, the garden excavation and the addition of a gate at the front entrance are contextual and appropriate within the historic district:

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

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Chair

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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

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Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District