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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Margery Perlmutter Chairperson New York City Board of Standards and Appeals 250 Broadway, 29th Floor New York, NY 10007

RE: BSA Special Order Calendar #2018-171-BZ, 1 East 70th Street - BSA application to allow an addition to The Frick Collection's existing building (Upper East Side Historic District and individual New York City landmark). The Frick is located partly in an R10/Special Park Improvement District zoning district and partly in an R8B/Limited Height District 1-A zoning district. The variance would modify the applicable provisions of the Zoning Resolution pertaining to height (ZR 24-591), lot coverage (ZR 24-11), rear yard equivalent (ZR 24-33 and ZR 24-382), and street wall location and setback (ZR 23-661 and 23-662) to allow the proposed addition and add 11,505 net square feet of floor area.

Dear Chair Perlmutter,

At the November 14, 2018 Community Board 8 Manhattan Full Board meeting, the board considered two proposed resolutions concerning The Frick Collection's application for variances to enlarge the Museum and Art Reference Library. The Board did not carry either resolution.

A proposed resolution to disapprove the application as presented failed to pass with a vote of 18 in favor, 18 opposed, 0 abstention, and 2 not voting for cause.

A second proposed resolution to approve the application as presented failed to pass with a vote of 17 in favor, 19 opposed, 0 abstention, and 2 not voting for cause.

Accordingly, Community Board 8 Manhattan takes no position on this application.

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

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

Chair

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

Honorable Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th 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