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

RE: 4 East 79th Street (between Madison and 5th Avenues) – Metropolitan Museum Historic District *Theodore H.M Prudon FAIA, Prudon and Partners*. Application is for a new temporary ornamental fence and gate.

Dear Chair Carroll:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 18, 2018, the board voted to **disapprove** the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 17 in favor, 15 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the bus stop has been extended from the corner of Fifth Avenue to the front of 4 West 79th Street due to the use of articulated buses;
WHEREAS the paved area in front of the house is used as an extension of the sidewalk for people waiting for buses;
WHEREAS the house is set back from the property line;
WHEREAS the main entrance door to the house is in the center of the façade;
WHEREAS the house currently has a fence on either side of the main entrance;
WHEREAS the houses on either side of 4 East 79th Street have fences;
WHEREAS a temporary fence with a centrally located gate would limit access to the open area in front of the house;
WHEREAS the proposed temporary fence and gate would be removed when the bus stop is relocated from the front of the house;
WHEREAS the open area in front of the house is defined by a wrought iron fence that is set, in part, on granite curbs;
WHEREAS the existing fence is eight feet high;
WHEREAS the proposed fence and gate are set in line with the east-west portions of the existing fence;
WHEREAS the temporary fence and gate is made of the same wrought iron as the existing fence;
WHEREAS the temporary fence and gate would be 4'-6" high and would be set on a granite curb to match the granite curbs at the existing fence;

WHEREAS the lower height of the temporary fence is meant to create a sense of welcome while also precluding access to people waiting for the buses;

WHEREAS the temporary fence and gate would be independent of the existing fence in that it would have short returns on the ends and would not touch the rounded corners of the existing fence;
WHEREAS the temporary fence would have the same decorative motif at the base of the fence as the existing fence;

WHEREAS the tops of the verticals of the temporary fence would be simple arrowheads matching the arrowheads on the tops of the verticals of the existing fence but without the decorative motif at the top of the existing fence;

THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED that the temporary fence is disapproved as presented.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


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David Helpen and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th 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