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## The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

December 20, 2018

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

RE: 950 Park Avenue (between East 81st and East 82nd Streets) – Park Avenue Historic District Michael Robarge, Panorama Windows LTD. Application is for a Master Plan for window replacement.

## Dear Chair Carroll:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 18, 2018, the board voted to <u>disapprove</u> the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS 950 Park Avenue is a Renaissance Revival-style apartment building designed by J.E.R. Carpenter and constructed in 1919-1920;

WHEREAS the proposed Master Plan would apply to the windows along Park Avenue, the 82nd Street elevation and the west facing elevation plus a small section of the windows on south and west elevations within the inner courtyard;

WHEREAS the Master Plan would not apply the lot line windows on the south elevation; WHEREAS the original historic window design is a 6 over 6 wooden window with double hung one over ones on the non-primary elevations — the west elevation and part of the south elevation; WHEREAS in general, on the two primary elevations, the windows have all been replaced with "tilt and turn" windows except at the ground level where they remain 6 over 6 (the original historic design);

WHEREAS the applicant's Master Plan proposes metal "tilt and turn" windows as the official replacement window on the primary elevations, except at the ground where the historic 6 over 6 windows would remain;

WHEREAS 950 Park Avenue was designed by one of the giants of early twentieth century apartment house architects, J. E. R. Carpenter, and is in a prominent location on the Upper East Side; WHEREAS on the secondary elevations, one over one double hung windows are acceptable; WHEREAS on the primary elevations, the building should return to the original historic wooden 6 over 6 window for its Master Plan;

WHEREAS the texture of the 6 over 6 historic windows is important to the architectural integrity of the building;

WHEREAS metal framed "tilt and turn" windows are inappropriate and out of context within the historic district;

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

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

Chair

David Helpern 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, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District

Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District

Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5<sup>th</sup> Council District Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4<sup>th</sup> Council District