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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

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

RE: First Hungarian Reformed Church (346-348 East 69th Street) – Secessionist style building with Craftsman/Arts and Crafts features designed by Emery Roth and built in 1915-1916. Discussion of designation as an individual landmark.

Dear Chair Carroll:

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 17, 2019, the board voted to **approve** the application in accordance with the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS the First Hungarian Reformed Church of New York was designed by one of the most eminent architects of the entire 20th century;

WHEREAS the firm of Emery Roth designed over 44 apartment buildings, hotels and other structures including such jewels as The Eldorado, The Beresford and the San Remo;

WHEREAS Emery Roth's successor firm, Emery Roth & Sons, also worked on iconic projects, including the World Trade Center, The Citicorp Center and the Pan Am Building (now Met Life Building);

WHEREAS the First Hungarian Reformed was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000; the parsonage was listed in 1983 as a contributing property to the historic houses next to it already on the National Register;

WHEREAS the congregation at the church chose Mr. Roth as the architect because, as a first generation Hungarian-American, he would have been familiar with Hungarian vernacular architecture; his design for the church reflects many Hungarian church building traditions;


WHEREAS the church has played a continuing role in the social history of New York, serving as a focal point for the city's Hungarian-American community since the church was built in 1916;

WHEREAS the First Hungarian Reformed Church is part of the charming streetscape along East 69th Street; the little yellow stucco countryside church that one encounters says more about Emery Roth's persona than the grander, more opulent buildings that are an easily recognizable part of our great city's skyline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan **supports** an INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK designation for the First Hungarian Reformed Church of New York, 346-348 East 69th Street.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


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David Helpem 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
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