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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

September 22, 2020

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

**RE: 793 Madison Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District – Joseph Tarella, Architect – A neo-Grec building designed by Thom & Wilson, originally constructed in 1881. Application is for elevator and lobby additions to the rear yard and new storefronts for the front and rear portions of the building.**

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 16, 2020, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** the applicant has responded to the comments of the Committee made during his initial presentation;

**WHEREAS** the applicant has redesigned the façade along East 67<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS** the door into the retail remains in the same location as the current door;

**WHEREAS** the masonry opening for the door is centered between the windows on the second floor;

**WHEREAS** the door is set within the original framed, sculpted masonry opening;

**WHEREAS** 8'-6" wide windows with bronze frames are placed symmetrically either side of the door;

**WHEREAS** elements of the original masonry wall are visible directly behind the windows;

**WHEREAS** the easterly extension for the one-story lobby is set back eighteen inches from the property line;

**WHEREAS** the garden and the view through the site are replaced with the lobby structure and the elevator at the north end of the lobby;

**WHEREAS** the view through the adjoining site, through an alley approximately five feet wide, is maintained;

**WHEREAS** the lobby level is raised about 2'-0" above the former garden level to meet the sidewalk and ground floor level;

**WHEREAS** the lobby has a glass entry door and window set within a bronze frame;

**WHEREAS** the westerly side of the frame is a bronze panel the width of the fire escape stairs;

**WHEREAS** the fire escape terminates in a ladder that that will descend, if needed, in front of the bronze panel;

**WHEREAS** the bronze and glass storefront is recalled in the masonry openings and at the lobby;

**WHEREAS** the current design retains the masonry character of the building on 67<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS** the single-story treatment of the 67<sup>th</sup> Street façade is more residential in character than the two-story storefront at the corner of Madison Avenue and East 67<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS** the current design is 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,

*Alida Camp*

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*David Helpern and Jane Parshall*

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

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