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

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

RE: 5 East 62nd Street – Upper East Side Historic District – Arthur Chabon Architects – A Modern style synagogue building designed by Percival Goodman and built in 1956. Application is to alter the façade, replace entry infill, and install an illuminated canopy.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on October 21, 2020, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS applicant previously came before the Committee for approval of a rooftop addition and elevator extension;

WHEREAS existing building egress at ground floor does not meet building code requirements for exit path separation;

WHEREAS the building entry sequence does not meet current security requirements;

WHEREAS the existing canopy leading from the entry to the sidewalk edge is not in character with the distinctive modernist architecture of the building façade;

WHEREAS the proposed entry doors sensitively echo the original construction;

WHEREAS the proposed egress doors will be flush with the ground floor façade and will be sheathed in granite to match the original;

WHEREAS the proposed façade alterations taken as a whole strengthen the existing design and satisfy the egress and security requirements;

WHEREAS the applicant presented two permanent canopy options, either of which was acceptable and an appropriate addition to the historic façade;

WHEREAS the canopy will be flat, one foot thick, and will illuminate the pavement below it;

WHEREAS the canopy will appear to float free from the building façade although it will be firmly anchored to the building structure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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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
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
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