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

October 23, 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: 61 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street – Upper East Side Historic District** – *Christopher Stone Architect* – A neoFederal style building with Beaux-Arts features, designed by Harde and Hasselman, and built in 1916. – Application is for the addition of an access ramp, and the reconstruction and alteration of the existing stoop.

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** the building is currently occupied by Lenox Hill Radiology and residential tenants and has no accessible entrance to the first floor.

**WHEREAS** the New York Human Rights Commission has cited the building for lack of an accessible entrance to the Community Facility on the first floor.

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to create a legal ramp 24 feet long and 4 feet wide between the existing building face and the decorative posts at the sidewalk edge.

**WHEREAS** the landing must be enlarged to conform to code minimum dimensions for wheelchair turning radius which necessitates extending the stoop 10” into the public way, requiring approval from the Department of Transportation.

**WHEREAS** sections of the existing decorative railings will be removed to make way for the ramp.

**WHEREAS** the entry doors will be widened to meet code and will be on actuators mounted on the exterior handrail (with no visible wiring).

**WHEREAS** the new stoop and ramp will be painted to match the existing color of the ramp and stoop which are painted limestone.

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

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Alida Camp*

*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, 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District  
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District  
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