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

February 17, 2022

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

RE: 18 East 68th Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – *Steven B. Jacobs Group PC* – A Beaux-Arts Style building designed by Cass Gilbert and erected 1904-1905. Application is for installation of two ornamental lion figures at the front entry stoop and installation of a cast iron gate at the front stoop to match the existing wrought iron fencing at the front areaway.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 16, 2022 the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS 18 East 68th Street was restored under a different application;
WHEREAS 18 East 68th is a limestone building with limestone plinth blocks set symmetrically either side of the main entry steps;
WHEREAS there is no record of the elements that were on top of the plinth blocks at the time the building was constructed;
WHEREAS the original drawings indicate the possibility of urns having been on top of the plinth blocks;
WHEREAS the applicant would prefer to have a pair of lion sculptures instead of urns framing the entrance steps to the house;
WHEREAS there are precedents for lions in the neighborhood;
WHEREAS the applicant proposes to install two bronze casts of lions made in Thailand;
WHEREAS each bronze lion is 33 inches high by 13.5 inches wide;
WHEREAS the applicant requires a gate at the front steps to make clear that this is a private residence;
WHEREAS the gate will preclude passersby from sitting on the steps of a private residence;
WHEREAS the gate will span across a step as the steps and areaway extend beyond the property line;
WHEREAS the gate will replicate the ornamental design of the areaway fence;
WHEREAS the fence will be made of wrought iron and painted black;
WHEREAS the proposed lions and gate are contextual in the historic district;

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

Sincerely,

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David Helpern and Jane Parshall

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District