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## The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan

September 28, 2022

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

**RE: 1088 Park Avenue (Park Avenue Historic District) -** *Mary Burnham, MBB Architects -* A Renaissance Revival style building designed by Mott B. Schmidt and constructed in 1924-1925. Application is for replacement of swinging doors, transom window, existing cornice, and lobby and exterior vestibule modification for increased accessibility.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 21, 2022, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** 1088 Park Avenue is an apartment house at the southwest corner of Park Avenue and 89<sup>th</sup> Street and contributes to the character of the Park Avenue Historic District;

**WHEREAS** the applicant wishes to alter the Park Avenue entrance for purposes of Accessibility and transparency to the street;

**WHEREAS** the proposed alteration will replace an original revolving door and two swing side doors with a pair of central swing doors and fixed panels to either side;

WHEREAS the existing swing doors, at 2'-10" wide, do not accommodate a standard stretcher;

WHEREAS the existing revolving door set admits neither wheelchairs nor stretchers;

WHEREAS the proposed alteration solution is the substitution of a pair of 3'-0" doors at the center of the existing opening;

WHEREAS the proposed alteration will match in color and material the existing construction;

**WHEREAS** the existing floor where the revolving door is to be removed will be patched retaining the circular stone pattern;

WHEREAS the proposed swing doors and fixed sidelights will closely approximate the muntin pattern of the existing swing doors and existing fanlight to remain unchanged above;

**WHEREAS** the new doors will be built with applied muntins and a simulated spacer bar grid for the insulated glass units;

**WHEREAS** the proposed alteration will regrettably remove the revolving door, the resulting accessibility, both for wheelchairs and emergency personnel, justifies the nature of the alteration;

WHEREAS the project has been well thought-out and thoroughly documented;

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

Sincerely,

Russell Squire

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Russell Squire Chair David Helpern and Jane Parshall Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

ce: 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

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Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District