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

February 17, 2023

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

RE: 101 East 63rd Street (Upper East Side Historic District) *Steve Blatz, Architect. Valerie Campbell, Kramer Levin.* A stable and residence originally constructed in 1881 but altered in 1966-68 by Paul Rudolph as a single-family home. Application is to alter an existing entrance recess.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on February 15, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 36 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, and 1 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS 101 East 63rd Street was originally constructed in 1881 as a stable-residence;

WHEREAS in 1966-1968, the property was significantly altered by Paul Rudolph, the famed modernist architect and a former dean of the Yale School of Architecture;

WHEREAS 101 East 63rd Street is referenced in the 4th edition of the AIA Guide to New York City as follows: “A somber brown steel and dark glass grid gives an understated face to a dramatic set of domestic spaces within.”

WHEREAS the existing garage door is set back 3 1/2’ from the property line;

WHEREAS the entrance door is set back an additional 4’ (7 1/2’ from property line) with a canopy over it; the applicant feels that the entrance door attracts vagrants and refuse;

WHEREAS the applicant proposes pulling the entrance door forward 2’; the 3 existing down lights at the entrance would disappear; there would be a recessed slot above the door to provide lighting for the new entrance;

WHEREAS the most important aspect of 101 East 63rd Street is the way the building steps back from the lot line to the entrance;

WHEREAS the three down lights provide character and a lighting scheme for the space at the front entrance;

WHEREAS the not-always-friendly nature of Paul Rudolph’s work must be respected; the house is one of only three that Paul Rudolph designed in Manhattan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is disapproved as presented.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

Honorable Jerry Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
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Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District