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

June 23, 2023

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

RE: 992 Madison Avenue (Upper East Side Historic District) - *Spivak Architects* - A Neo Italian Renaissance style apartment hotel designed by Schwartz & Gross and constructed in 1927. Application is for an extension to existing LPC temporary art installation permit.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on June 21, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS the Mark Hotel commissioned the Artist, Warren Neidich, to create a sculpture in tribute to New York City after Covid;

WHEREAS the “No Vacancy” sign is a sculpture and a celebration of the City being back in action after the Pandemic;

WHEREAS this neon sign has been on the Madison Avenue face of the building at the corner of Madison Avenue and East 77th Street;

WHEREAS the sign is vertical, is 14’-0” high, and extends from the top of the third floor onto the second floor;

WHEREAS the sign is attached to the building through four small holes on each side of the sculpture into mortar joints;

WHEREAS the sign can be removed, and the mortar joints filled with no damage to the stone;

WHEREAS the Mark Hotel associates its location with what it considers to be the artistic center of the City;

WHEREAS the Mark sees more art galleries opening in the neighborhood;

WHEREAS the Mark sees a connection between the sign sculpture and the art galleries;

WHEREAS the Mark seeks an extension of two years to the existing Landmarks Preservation Commission temporary art installation permit;

WHEREAS the sign sculpture is appropriate and contextual within the historic district;

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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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
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Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District