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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 77<sup>th</sup> 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,

Russell Squire

David Helpern and Jane Parshall

Russell Squire Chair David Helpern and Jane Parshall 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

Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District

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

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