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

September 26, 2023

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

**RE: 1000 Fifth Avenue - The Great Hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art - Interior**

**Landmark** *Brett Gaillard, Head of Capital Projects at museum presenting.* A Beaux-Arts style interior space designed by Richard Morris Hunt and constructed in 1905. Application is for installation of 4 digital displays: two in the north vestibule and two in the south vestibule.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on September 20, 2023, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** The Great Hall is a Beaux Arts-style interior space designed by Richard Morris Hunt and constructed in 1905;

**WHEREAS** the applicant would like to install 4 digital display boards within the Great Hall - 2 on the north side of the Great Hall and 2 on the south side of the Great Hall behind the existing columns;

**WHEREAS** the display boards are now installed; the museum received a temporary permit from the Landmarks Preservation Commission to do this; the museum would like the screens to be permanent;

**WHEREAS** the display screens would not impact the historic fabric of the Great Hall; the screens would be attached to plaster only and could be easily removed;

**WHEREAS** the permanently installed screens at 6' wide x 3'6" high would be slightly smaller than the existing temporary screens, would be more centered than the existing temporary screens and would have a less intrusive mounting;

**WHEREAS** the screens would cut down on the amount of paper in the form of maps and other notices that the museum has been handing out; the screens would help visitors find their way around the museum;

**WHEREAS** given the location of the proposed screens, the disruption to the landmarked Great Hall is minimal;

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

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Russell Squire*

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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 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