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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: 895 Park Avenue (Upper East Side Historic District)** - *John B. Murray, Architect* - A Classicizing Art- Deco style building designed by Sloan & Robertson and constructed in 1929. Application is for the replacement of existing penthouse windows with new wood windows conforming in design, configuration, and finish to the 1997 window master plan and new pergola at 20th-floor penthouse terrace facing Park Avenue.

Dear Chair Carroll,

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

**WHEREAS** 895 Park Avenue sits on the southeast corner of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue, and;

**WHEREAS** the building instituted a window master plan in 1997 that permitted the replacement of existing steel double-hung windows with aluminum windows of very similar profile, and;

**WHEREAS** applicant seeks to replace original steel windows - while also adding one window on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor - with custom wood windows that closely conform to the original profiles and dimensions, and;

**WHEREAS** said windows are located in the penthouse apartment that occupies the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> floors of 895 Park Avenue, and;

**WHEREAS** applicant proposes to add a painted metal pergola to a terrace at the 20<sup>th</sup> floor facing Park Avenue, and;

**WHEREAS** said pergola closely imitates traditional wood pergola structures in its details proposing an ironic materials reversal – steel windows replaced by wood windows that imitate steel and “wood” pergola details executed in powder coated metal, and;

**WHEREAS** the proposed pergola will be self-supporting and anchored to the terrace floor while not touching the existing masonry wall, and;

**WHEREAS** ample precedent exists for pergolas on buildings both of this period and in the Historic District generally, and;

**WHEREAS** the proposed window replacement alters only the material called for in the window master plan of 1997, and;

**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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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  
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