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

March 26, 2024

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

**RE: 1000 Fifth Avenue: Metropolitan Museum of Art (Individual Landmark)** – *Nader Tehrani* – A Beaux-Arts style building designed by numerous architects, chiefly, Calvert Vaux and Jacob Wrey Mould, who designed the initial Ruskinian Gothic structure of the MET and constructed in the 1880s. Application is for a Wing J Roof replacement in the Ancient Near East Gallery.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 20, 2024, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS** the Museum has works of art in the Ancient Near East Gallery on the second floor of Wing J, located to the south of the Great Hall;

**WHEREAS** the works of art must be protected from sunlight;

**WHEREAS** the existing laylight ceiling in the gallery was blocked to create an attic space that prevents the sunlight from being transferred into the gallery;

**WHEREAS** the skylight has deteriorated and needs to be replaced;

**WHEREAS** Wing J is symmetrical with Wing E to the north of The Great Hall;

**WHEREAS** the former skylight on Wing E had been replaced by an opaque roof with Monel, a nickel alloy;

**WHEREAS** the skylight in Wing J will be replaced to match the Monel roof in Wing E;

**WHEREAS** the existing Monel border at the skylight will remain and be repaired as required;

**WHEREAS** the new Monel roof will have standing seams that will align with the standing seams in the eastern Monel border;

**WHEREAS** the new Monel roof will be insulated to provide energy efficiency;

**WHEREAS** the existing Monel roof on Wing E is minimally visible;

**WHEREAS** the Monel roof will match the roof on Wing E and be minimally visible;

**WHEREAS** the symmetry of the Museum when seen in elevation will be enhanced by installing the proposed Monel roof;

**WHEREAS** this project is appropriate and contextual for this individual landmark;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

*David Helpern and Jane Parshall*

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
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  
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