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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan

March 10, 2022

Hon. Sarah Carroll, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: 20 East 79th Street (Metropolitan Museum Historic District) - Application is to add a building sign to the frieze of the portico above the main entry door.

Dear Chair Carroll,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on March 9, 2022, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

> **WHEREAS** 20 East 79th Street is a French neo-classical style building designed by C.P. H. Gilbert and constructed in 1912.
> **WHEREAS** 20 East 79th Street, formerly partially residential, is now completely occupied by the Skarstedt Gallery; the gallery formerly occupied the three lower floors, but has now taken the entire space;
> **WHEREAS** a Certificate of Appropriateness is required since the frieze of the cornice is less than 12" in height — in this case, approximately 10";
> **WHEREAS** the proposed signage would be 68.6" wide x 7" high x 1" deep and would be fastened to the limestone frieze with a silicone adhesive — the lettering would not penetrate or disturb the limestone behind it;
> **WHEREAS** the signage would replace the smaller, more hidden signage that is currently on the exterior wall behind the entry columns.
> **WHEREAS** the applicant is proposing a modest intervention that is contextual and appropriate within the historic district,
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> **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*

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Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
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