

The Recent Past Preservation Network

Promoting preservation education and advocacy to encourage a contextual understanding of our modern built environment.

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Reynold Levy
President
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
70 Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Recent Past Preservation Network, a national non-profit preservation advocacy organization that promotes education and advocacy to encourage understanding of recent past resources, encourages the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to seek and incorporate input from local preservation organizations, such as Landmark West!, in planning the redevelopment of Lincoln Center. The design of Lincoln Center, a major landmark within New York City of architectural and historical significance, and eligible for the State and National Register of Historic Places, demands the utmost respect and sensitivity when considering any redevelopment plan.

The redevelopment plans for the Juilliard School and Plaza North, as we understand them, are of primary concern to the Recent Past Preservation Network. Again, we urge you to consider all alternatives that would adequately meet the needs of Lincoln Center as an institution, without adversely impacting the architectural integrity of the complex, which includes work of such monumental 20th-century architects as Philip Johnson, Gordon Bunschaft, Eero Saarinen, Wallace Harrison, Pietro Belluschi and Dan Kiley.

Sincerely,

Erin Tobin Bearden
NYS Representative, Board of Directors
The Recent Past Preservation Network

cc: Kate Wood, Executive Director, Landmark West!
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