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Tino Hernandez
Chairman of the Board
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RE: State and National Registers application
Amsterdam Houses
New York, NY

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

In October 2006 Landmark West submitted a State and National Registers of Historic Places application for Amsterdam Houses located at Amsterdam to West End avenues between West 61st and 64th Streets in Manhattan. Enclosed, for your reference, is a copy of the materials prepared by Landmark West. Based on an evaluation of this information and a site visit it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the complex meets the criteria for listing to the Registers in the areas of community planning and development, politics/government, and social history. Attached is the SHPO's *Resource Evaluation* for your records. NYCHA is to be commended for retaining the integrity of design, setting, materials, and workmanship of this significant post-World War II housing complex.

I have enclosed some literature on the State and National Registers of Historic Places for your reference. It is SHPO's policy that nomination sponsors work closely with owners before progressing a nomination. We would appreciate hearing back from you with your comments on the proposed nomination once you've had a chance to review the enclosed materials. I can be reached at (518) 237-8643 ext. 3266 or via email at kathy.howe@oprhp.state.ny.us. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

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