



HARPERLEY HALL  
ONE WEST SIXTY FOURTH STREET  
NEW YORK N.Y. 10023

FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Mr. Robert B. Tierney  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Centre Street - 9th Fl  
New York, NY 10007

VIA FACSIMILE: 212.669.7960

RE: PROPOSED MIDBLOCK TOWER ON WEST 70TH STREET BETWEEN

Dear Mr. Tierney,

I am writing on behalf of One West 64th Street, Inc. to express our opposition to a proposal for a 14-story, 159 foot tower (not including rooftop mechanical equipment) on West 70th Street between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. This proposal, which has been submitted to the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission, threatens the widespread low-rise midblock character for the Upper West Side and may pave the way for other architecturally incompatible projects.

We support the existing zoning for the Upper West Side Historic District, which is designed to protect the low-rise character and scale of neighborhood midblocks, and oppose all present and future applications for "block-bursting" building developments.

We are joined in our opposition to the West 70th Street Street project by Manhattan Community Board #7, the Municipal Art Society, Historic Districts Council, Landmark West! and Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, as well as a growing list of individual and local and citywide groups. In addition, we are grateful for the leadership and support of elected officials including Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, New York Senators Thomas Duane and Eric Schneiderman and New York State Assemblymembers Richard Gottfried and Scott Stringer, all of whom oppose this project because it violates the zoning and undermines the character of the historic district.

We urge you to do everything in your power to help preserve and protect our community by opposing this ill-conceived project and all other projects that threaten to disrupt our community's character by waiving existing zoning.

YOURS SINCERELY,

*Joseph Catalano* *KS*

JOSEPH CATALANO  
BOARD PRESIDENT - ONE WEST 64TH STREET, INC.