

115 CENTRAL PARK WEST CORPORATION

115 Central Park West

New York, NY 10023

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Michael Bloomberg, Mayor
City Hall
New York City, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am writing to express my opposition to a proposal for a 14-storey, 157-foot tower (not including rooftop mechanicals) 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 mid block character of the Upper East Side and may pave the way for other architecturally incompatible projects.

I support the existing zoning for the Upper Wet Side Historic District, which is designed to protect the low-rise character of neighborhood mid blocks, and oppose all present and future applications for "block-busting" building developments.

I am joined in my opposition to the West 70th 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 individuals 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 State Senators Thomas Duane and Eric Schneiderman and New York State Assembly members Richard Gottfried and Scott Stringer, all of whom oppose this project because it violates the zoning and undermines the character of the historic district.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ilene Gotts, President
115 CENTRAL PARK WEST CORPORATION

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