

**90<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association  
300 Central Park West  
New York, NY 10024**

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

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

We are writing to express our opposition to a proposal for a 14-story, 157' foot tower (not including rooftop mechanicals) on West 70<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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 of neighborhood midblocks, and oppose all present and future applications for "block-busting" building developments.

We are joined in my opposition to the West 70<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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