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Robert B. Tierney
Landmarks Preservation Commission Chairman
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
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Dear Mr. Tierney,

I am writing on behalf of the Century Condominium's Board of Managers to express our opposition to a proposal for a 14 story, 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 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 our opposition by many individuals and by local and citywide groups, including Manhattan Community Board #7, the Municipal Art Society, Historic Districts Council, Landmark West! and Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts. In addition, 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 oppose this proposed project because it violates the zoning and undermines the character of the historic district.

We are 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 that threaten to disrupt our community's character by waiving existing zoning.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Paul Millman
President
Residential Board of the Century
Condominium