

WEST SIDE FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS

January 15, 2003

Hon. Robert B. Tierney
Landmarks Preservation Commission Chair
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Tierney:

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by the Federation on January 13, 2003. This resolution opposes the proposal submitted to you by the Congregation Shearith Israel for the construction of a 14-story 157-ft. tower in the mid-block of 70th Street between Central Park West and Columbus Avenues.

We urge you to do everything in your power to help preserve and protect our community by opposing this ill-conceived project and any other projects that threaten to disrupt the character of our community by waiving the existing zoning in the Upper Westside Historic District.

Sincerely yours,



Miriam Febus
President

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Enclosure

cc: All elected officials
Community Board 7
Landmark West

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RESOLUTION

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The West Side Federation of Neighborhood & Block Associations, an umbrella organization representing the area from 59th Street to 110th Street, Central Park West to Riverside Drive, passed the following resolution on January 13, 2003:

WHEREAS, the proposal by Congregation Shearith Israel for a 14-story, 157 ft. tower is incompatible with the mid-block of West 79th Street a "brownstone" block between Central Park West and Columbus Avenues; and

WHEREAS, it threatens the widespread low-rise mid-block character of the Upper West Side and may pave the way for other architecturally incompatible projects; and

WHEREAS, this project will violate the existing zoning and undermine the character of the historic district;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation supports the community in its opposition to the proposed construction of a 14-story tower on West 70th Street by Congregation Shearith Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the existing zoning for the Upper West Side Historic District.

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