

West 75th Street Block Association

Amsterdam Avenue to Riverside Drive in the 200 & 300 Blocks on The Upper West Side

January 6, 2003

The Hon. Jerrold Nadler
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Jerry Nadler:

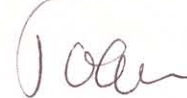
I am writing to express our opposition to a proposal for a 14-story, 157-foot tower on West 70th Street between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. This proposal, submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by Congregation Shearith Israel, threatens the widespread low-rise midblock character of the Upper West Side and may pave the way for future inappropriate building projects.

We support the existing zoning for the Upper West Side Historic District, which is designed to protect the low-rise character of the midblocks, and we oppose all applications for "block-busting" developments.

We are joined in our apposition to the West 70th Street Project by Community Board #7, the Municipal Art Society, Historic Districts Council, Landmark West, and Friends of the Upper West Side Historic Districts, and many private individuals and most of our elected officials.

As an active block association, we urge you to do everything in your power to help preserve and protect our neighborhood by opposing this ill-conceived project and all other projects that are similarly disruptive.

Very truly yours,



Joan S. Franklin
Secretary/Treasurer
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