

**Federation of West Side Block Associations**  
INCORPORATED

*Please enter into official record of Dec. 20, 1983 hearing. An FWSBA representative will attend the hearing. Thanks - J.L.*

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TO: PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY BOARD 7  
PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY BOARD 7

WHEREAS, the New York Historical Society building on Central Park West [76 - 77 Streets] lies in the Central Park West Historic District\* listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and,

WHEREAS, the 76th Street Park block is a landmarked block, with the landmarked Universalist Church on the southeast corner, and the Museum of Natural History occupying the block front from 77th to 81st Streets in imposing splendor, and the 77th Street Park block buildings being worthy of landmark designation, consisting of studios and other unique residential entities complementing the Historical Society and the Museum, and,

WHEREAS, the Historical Society's most beautiful and beloved neighbor is Frederick Law Olmsted's landmarked Central Park,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Federation of West Side Block Associations can find no justification, aesthetic or financial, for the desire of the Society to disfigure its magnificent structure by the addition of residential space that will not enhance the building as it now stands, and strenuously objects to any development scheme which will change the character of the building and/or its surroundings, or jeopardize the integrity of Central Park West. The Federation does not want to see the "Museum of Modern Art North" anywhere in the area known as the Upper West Side.

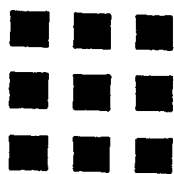
Passed UNANIMOUSLY: Board of Directors meeting, April 6, 1983.

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\*[61st to north side 96th]

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Landmarks/Zoning Director

cc: West 76th Street Block Association  
West 77th Street Block Association



Revised: Dec. 6, 1983

Passed: Dec. 13, 1983

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