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VIA E-MAIL

May 10, 2018

Ana Barrio
Acting Commissioner
New York City Department of Design and Construction
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Resolution Supporting the Proposed Epiphany Library Façade and Entrance Reconstruction - CORRECTED

Dear Acting Commissioner Barrio:

At the May 9, 2018 Full Board meeting of Manhattan Community Board Six, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Epiphany Branch of The New York Public Library located at 228 East 23rd Street has served the Gramercy Park-Stuyvesant Town area since 1887;

WHEREAS, the current Epiphany Branch building—an elegant Carnegie building—opened on September 29, 1907, and served as a major neighborhood cultural and educational source until 1982, when it was closed for nearly two years for an extensive expansion and renovation. The restored library opened on July 16, 1984;

WHEREAS, today, the handsome three-story building houses adult, young adult, and children's collections. A modern auditorium is available for community group meetings;

WHEREAS, the City of New York's Department of Design and Construction and the New York Public Library will receive plans from Acheson Doyle Partners Architects for the necessary upgrades, which were presented to the Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee of Manhattan Community Board Six on May 1, 2018, with the proposal including the following elements:

- Repairing the rear façade through window replacement, and repairing and cleaning of brick, masonry and concrete
- Updating the 1907 23rd Street façade, including:
Restoration and cleaning of the Indiana Limestone façade, band, coping and infill masonry to match existing, restoration and cleaning of the Milford Pink granite base

and infill masonry to match existing elements;
Relocation of the street tree, water meter, hose bib, banner and supports;
Replacement of period lighting fixture(s), with appropriate energy efficient replicas,
replacement of spot lighting with energy efficient spot lighting; and
Placement of an updated ADA handrail to match slope of existing ADA ramp, and
placement of an updated auto door opener stanchion.

- Updating the 1984 23rd Street façade, including:
Updating the aluminum and glass entrance with new glass and aluminum elements
- Reinstalled book return;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board Six supports the proposed Epiphany Library façade and reconstruction submission.

VOTE: 43 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Best regards,



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District Manager

Cc: Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carlina Rivera, Council Member
Mark Thompson, Chair, CB6 Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee
Randy J. Lafargue, Community Relations, NYC Department of Design and
Construction

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