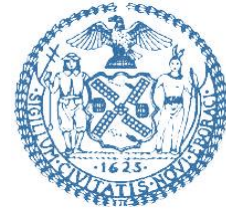
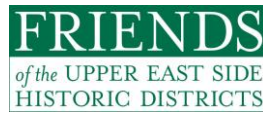


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February 15, 2019

Thomas Fariello, RA, Acting Commissioner
Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

RE: 249 East 62nd Street
Block 1417, Lot: 22
Job No: 122975995

Dear Acting Commissioner Fariello:

On January 25, 2019, an article appeared in *Gothamist* that discussed the building proposed at 249 East 62nd Street. That article quoted a DOB spokesperson telling the reporter that that the building proposed at 249 East 62nd Street contains an outdoor void and not a mechanical void.

In December 2018, your office referred the plans for building proposed at 36 West 66th Street to the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) so that specialists at the FDNY could review the mechanical void proposed therein for fire safety and fire operations. Regardless of whether the void in the building proposed at 249 East 62nd Street is enclosed or open air as described to the press, we believe you must also refer this building to the FDNY.

Until they have been demonstrated to be safe, novel designs such as vast void areas must be evaluated by the FDNY. Due to the nature of such different design elements and any review processes surrounding aspects of this size, we feel it is critical to involve the FDNY prior to the approval of such building plans.

A DOB spokesperson further stated in the press in a *Gothamist* article on February 1, 2019 that issues raised in the November 2017 zoning challenge by FRIENDS of the Upper East Side and George M. Janes & Associates were “addressed by the developers months ago.” This is inconsistent with public information available on BIS which indicates the intent to revoke is still in place after the partial acceptance of the zoning challenge dated April 23, 2018. In that response to the zoning challenge, Borough Commissioner Scott Pavan stated that a new ZD1 and PW1 would be required to address arithmetic and other technical errors. If the intent to revoke

has been rescinded, that information must be posted on BIS along with an updated ZD1 and PW1 as specified in the challenge response.

Thank you for your attention and concern.

Sincerely,



Gale Brewer
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