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Re: 2 Columbus Circle

Dear Michael:

As you know, members of the Tri-Board Task Force on Columbus Circle have sought repeatedly over the last three weeks to meet with you on 2 Columbus Circle.

A number of issues concern us:

- What criteria are being used to determine who shall be the developer? We certainly hope that money is not the only basis. Although a small space, 2 Columbus Circle is important to the Circle as a whole, to the new major development on the Coliseum site and as the entry way to Central Park South, Central Park West and the Upper West Side. Whatever is on that site should enhance this great New York space aesthetically and programmatically.
- What changes, if any, are contemplated for subway entrances and exits within or near the building? Many have argued for years that the current access is awkward, inconvenient, and definitely not well signed.
- Since it appears (to our regret) that you do not plan to ULURP the building, what public discussion will take place over the disposition of the building?
- The deed transferring the property seems to contain a restrictive covenant lasting thirty years, which states the property shall be used for a visitors' center or a cultural facility. How does EDC interpret this restriction?

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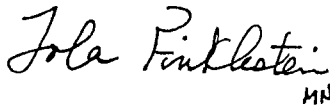
As you can see, we are concerned with both substance and process. Over the last several years the moderately open discussions we have had with City agencies and developers on the Coliseum site and on the Circle design have, we believe, been productive and among other things reduced public antipathy to final decisions. We think the same could be true for 2 Columbus Circle.

We look forward to an early meeting.

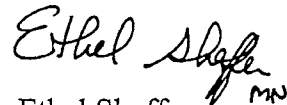
Sincerely,

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