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PRESS CONFERENCE & PUBLIC HEARING ON 2 COLUMBUS CIRCLE

Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 12:30pm on the steps of City Hall, there will be a press conference regarding 2 Columbus Circle which is being held prior to an Economic Development Committee hearing on 2 Columbus Circle at **1:00pm in the Committee Room at City Hall**.

There are many people who care deeply about future of this building and are concerned about the closed and secretive process determining its fate. The Economic Development Corporation has now, for the second time, pulled out of appearing at a City Council hearing designed to elicit information on plans for 2 Columbus Circle. In the last five years EDC has issued two RFPs to redevelop the site and most recently the Mayor announced the reconvening of a 3-member panel to review plans for 2 Columbus Circle. All of this has transpired with no public participation or review. In addition, EDC refuses to disclose any information regarding the RFP process and the Landmarks Commission refuses to hold a hearing on the merits of designating the building a landmark.

Expected to attend:

- Robert A.M. Stern, Dean of the School of Architecture at Yale University, Senior Partner of Robert A.M. Stern Architecture
- Tom Wolfe, prolific writer and lover of 2 Columbus Circle
- Juliet Hartford, daughter of 2 Columbus Circle creator Huntington Hartford
- Landmarks Conservancy
- Municipal Art Society
- Committee for an Environmentally Sound West Side
- Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites, and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement (Docomomo)
- Historic Districts Council
- Local elected officials, Community Boards and concerned community members