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Preservation Groups Try To Block Sale Of Historic Building

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A coalition of preservation groups is suing the city to block the sale of an historic Manhattan building.

Court papers were filed Friday to stop the sale of 2 Columbus Circle.

The preservation groups are upset that the Museum of Art and Design, which plans to buy the vacant building, wants to remove its modernist facade.

The suit alleges that the city blocked efforts to designate the building as a landmark because the status would have made it harder to sell.

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