

LANDMARK WEST!

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Subject: 2 Columbus Circle Listed Among World's "100 Most Endangered Sites"

THIS JUST IN...! The World Monuments Fund (WMF) has included 2 Columbus Circle on its 2006 "Watch List" of the 100 Most Endangered Sites on earth! First, the Preservation League of New York State listed 2 Columbus Circle on its 2003 "Seven to Save" list, then the National Trust for Historic Preservation included the building on its 2004 list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places." Now, WMF places 2 Columbus Circle on a list that includes Ellis Island and the entire country of Iraq. **WHAT MORE WILL IT TAKE for 2 Columbus Circle to get the public hearing it deserves?**

"A preservation group focuses on Iraq and Modernist buildings," reported Robin Pogrebin in today's *New York Times* ("2 Columbus Circle Makes Group's List of Threatened Sites," go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/21/arts/design/21monu.html?>). WMF's website (www.wmf.org) states, "**The listing of 2 Columbus Circle highlights the widespread failure of public authorities to recognize the architectural merit of postwar buildings and sites as part of our collective cultural heritage.**"

ALL HANDS ON DECK! Join supporters of a public hearing for 2 Columbus Circle in forming a "circle of support" all the way around the building's famous lollipop base.

WHEN: Thursday, June 23, 6:00 PM
WHERE: 2 Columbus Circle
WHY: To urge Mayor Bloomberg and the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing

When the world's foremost organization dedicated to preserving endangered artistic and architectural heritage across the globe identifies a New York City building as among the most threatened resources on the planet, is this good news? Yes, if it helps **snap the Bloomberg administration out of its stubborn denial to grant 2 Columbus Circle even a public hearing** and the chance to survive for future generations. The bad news is that the building is endangered because Mayor Bloomberg, the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) and the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear. Are local politics really more important than world heritage?

Mayor Bloomberg, stop stonewalling and let the people of New York speak! What better way to honor New York City's renowned 1965 Landmarks Law and the many communities working at the grassroots to protect their historic landmarks, big and small? Show us that the landmarks process can be open, transparent and democratic. Prove that preservation matters to you.

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