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No doubt feeling the pressure of growing public outcry, a damning lawsuit, and increased media scrutiny, **the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) has filed for a Department of Buildings permit to remove the facade of 2 Columbus Circle.** The ink is barely dry on the contract to buy the property, but MAD is stepping up the pace to make their radical alteration of the building seem like a done deal. It is anything but...in fact, the permit has been **disapproved**, for the moment.

But we must act quickly! We're up against nothing less than City Hall. **Mayor Bloomberg** and the **Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)** have not only **ignored widespread demand for a hearing** to determine whether 2 Columbus Circle merits landmark protection, but they have actively obstructed the public process.

Your CALLS, EMAILS, and FAXES are incredibly important! Keep reaching out to the Mayor, LPC Chair Robert B. Tierney and MAD leaders Holly Hotchner and Laurie Beckelman (contact information below). The future of 2 Columbus Circle is in their hands. Defacing this irreplaceable 1964 work of Modern architecture designed by one of the 20th century's most important architects, Edward Durell Stone, **without even a public hearing**, would be a grave mistake, an abuse of power, and a betrayal of the public trust.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, 212-788-3000, 212-788-2460 (fax), or go to <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mayor.html> and paste your message.
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To get Bloomberg, Tierney and MAD off the mark and 2 Columbus Circle off the block, those phones need to ring off the hook! Thanks for your support!