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August 22, 2005

To All Manhattan Borough President Candidates:

The results of this questionnaire will be published nerxt week in our newsletter or in a paid newspaper advertisement. Please respond as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Olive Freud, Vice President

1. Do you support landmark status for 2 Columbus Circle?

Yes ___ No ___ Undecided ___

2. Do you support the request that the Landmarks Commission holds public hearings to determine whether 2 Columbus Circle should be landmarked?

Yes ___ No ___

3. Comments

Subj: **RE: 2 Columbus Circle Questionnaire**
Date: 8/26/05 3:33:13 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: friendsofeva@earthlink.net
To: Elfreud@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Olive,

Please find the Council Member's answers below. Thank you.

1. Undecided. I would first want to listen to testimony at a public hearing sponsored by the Landmarks Preservation Commission before making a final decision.
2. Yes

-----Original Message-----

From: Elfreud@aol.com [<mailto:Elfreud@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 2:30 PM
To: friendsofeva@earthlink.net; campaign@margaritalopez.com
Subject: Fwd: 2 Columbus Circle Questionnaire

Dear Eva Moskowitz, attention Sarah
Dear Margarita Lopez, attention Barbara

Subj: **ellner for manhattan responses**
Date: 8/25/2005 3:53:45 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: john_arceci@yahoo.com
To: elfreud@aol.com

Hi Olive - Pasted below, please find responses to the questions on 2 Columbus Circle which we received via fax on August 22nd.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything further.

Best wishes,

John Arceci
Director of Policy
Ellner for Manhattan

1. Undecided.
2. Yes.

Throughout my campaign I have called on the Landmark Preservation Commission to hold a designation hearing on 2 Columbus Circle. A hearing is nothing more than the opportunity for a full and open public debate, and the public discussion of the pros and cons of preservation and the Museum of Arts and Design's plan is the only way to determine whether 2 Columbus Circle should be landmarked.

The City's deadline on completing the sale and authorizing work to begin on 2 Columbus Circle is fast approaching. The LPC is on the verge of setting a dangerous precedent if it fails to hold a hearing on 2 Columbus Circle. If widespread community activism, advocacy by preservationists, the backing of noted architects and even the outspoken support by current and former Commissioners is not enough to warrant a designation hearing, it is difficult to say what is.

As we enter a period where many buildings from the post-war period will become eligible for landmark designation, it is more vital than ever for the LPC to offer a more clear articulation of what is necessary for a designation hearing, and that the actions the Commission takes are ones that strengthen landmark law, not weaken it.

I reiterate my continued support for a designation hearing for 2 Columbus Circle, and call on the LPC to immediately schedule such a public hearing.

Subj: **Response to Questionnaire by Keith Wright**
Date: 8/25/2005 5:18:36 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: ggsg@mindspring.com
To: elfreud@aol.com
CC: lakedra@wrightforthefuture.com

Below is the response of Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright, Democratic candidate for Manhattan Borough President, to your questionnaire regarding 2 Columbus Circle:

1. I am undecided about landmark status for 2 Columbus Circle.
2. I certainly think the Landmarks Commission should hold public hearings on the designation.
3. It is imperative that we not act hastily in determining the historic or aesthetic merit of this piece of architecture. Although I am not an architectural historian, I am a lifelong New Yorker and have come to have positive sentiments about the building. However, I believe in the end a public debate, one which includes experts and laymen, is warranted.

We have answered these questions on behalf of Keith Wright. If further information is required, please feel free to call. Best, Danica Gallagher.

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Subj: **Bill Perkins Questionnaire**
Date: 8/25/2005 12:10:46 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: RichieFife
To: Elfread

Bill Perkins
Candidate for Manhattan Borough President

1. Yes. Supports Landmark Status for 2CC
2. Yes. Supports LPC Hearings
3. "The refusal of the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold hearings on the future of 2 Columbus Circle demonstrates a shameful disregard for the will of the people and the Commission's charter-mandated responsibility. The Preservation League of New York State placed this building on its "Seven to Save" list; the National Trust for Historic Preservation, America's leading preservation organization, named the building to its 2004 list of "11 Most Endangered Places"; and this week the World Monument Fund added it to its "Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites"; yet the LPC won't even hold a hearing. This abuse of power must not stand."

Subj: **Re: Fwd: 2 Columbus Circle Questionnaire**
Date: 8/25/2005 3:20:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: campaign@margaritalopez.com
To: Elfread@aol.com

Hi,
Here's Margarita Lopez's response. Was there anything else other than these 3 questions? That's all we received.
Connie Ress
Communications Director
Margarita 2005

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Yes X

2. Do you support the request that the Landmarks Commission holds public hearings to determine whether 2 Columbus Circle should be landmarked?
Yes X

3. Comments

I believe that any building in the City which meets our municipal requirements for designation of historic preservation, at a minimum, should be given a public hearing by the City's Commission of Landmarks and Preservation. We must ensure that every consideration be given to preserving our historic treasures for generations to come.

----- Original Message -----

From: Elfread@aol.com
Date: Wed, 24 Aug 2005 14:30:19 EDT

>Dear Eva Moskowitz, attention Sarah
>Dear Margarita Lopez, attention Barbara
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Sent via the WebMail system at margaritalopez.com