

3. This affidavit is based on personal knowledge and conversations with employees of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and other City offices.

4. I understand that individuals and groups opposed to the City's disposition of the building at 2 Columbus Circle to the Museum of Arts and Design have challenged the environmental review by alleging that the building deserves further consideration as a landmark and arguing that the Landmarks Commission should have held a public hearing on the building. I submit this affidavit in support of the City Respondents' verified answer to the petition.

5. I was present at the June 1996 meeting of the Landmarks Commission's Designation Committee that discussed a Request for Evaluation that had been submitted concerning 2 Columbus Circle. In addition to members of the Landmarks Commission's Research Department, others present at that meeting including the four commissioners who then comprised the Designation Committee: Vicki Match Suna, Reverend Thomas Pike, Charles Sachs and Sarah Landau.

6. I recall that at the meeting the Research Director made a presentation on 2 Columbus Circle, which included several slides of the building and a recitation of the building's history. The building was then discussed by the Commissioners. Thereafter, the Commissioners voted unanimously not to recommend the building for further consideration as a landmark because it did not possess historic or architectural significance sufficient to warrant holding a hearing for its consideration as a New York City Landmark.

7. Thereafter, while I was still Chairperson of the Landmarks Commission, I recall that other individuals also requested that the building at 2 Columbus Circle be considered for designation as a landmark. Because the Commission had already declined to further consider designating the building as a landmark, and because there was no change of opinion among the

members of the Designation Committee, correspondents were told that the building would not be reconsidered.

Dated: New York, New York
February 3, 2004


JENNIFER T. RAAB

Sworn to before me this
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