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Hon. Sarah Carroll, Chair  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
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Via email: scarroll@lpc.nyc.gov

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Dear Chair Carroll:

The Historic Districts Council writes this letter in support of the recent letter submitted by the advocacy organization Docomomo US regarding 60 Wall Street (formerly J. P. Morgan Building).

We believe this is unique situation where the LPC is actively considering whether the exterior and interior of 60 Wall Street merits designation as an individual/interior landmark, while also actively considering an application that would significantly alter the design integrity of the building. Given that miscellaneous amendments regarding harmonious relationships are rarely presented at LPC, we believe this may be the first time that a situation has arisen where LPC was considering a harmonious relationship at the same time as considering whether the undesignated site was worthy of consideration as a landmark.

While we appreciate the LPC's statement in its recent response to Docomomo that there was a need to do additional research on 60 Wall Street within the context of Postmodern architecture in New York City, we believe that recent designations, including the interiors of One United Nations Plaza and the AT&T Headquarters Building, provides a significant amount of research and precedent for saving this significant interior and exterior of 60 Wall Street.

Therefore, we also believe that the review of the revised proposal for changes to the exterior and interior of 60 Wall Street is premature at this time, until such time as the LPC makes a definitive decision on the merits of whether the building is worthy of consideration for landmark designation. We urge the LPC to take no action at the Public Meeting on September 20, 2022, until a decision can be made about whether 60 Wall Street should be calendared for consideration of interior and/or exterior landmark designation.

Thank you for your consideration and please reach out to me with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director