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Chair Sarah Carroll
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

January 20, 2022

Dear Chair Carroll:

As the local elected officials for the districts encompassing the Roosevelt Hotel, we are writing to offer our strong support for landmarking this historic property. This proposal was outlined in a Request for Evaluation recently submitted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the City Club, Municipal Art Society, Historic Districts Council, and New York Landmarks Conservancy. It was also supported by the Community Board 5 Landmarks Committee last month.

The Roosevelt Hotel, constructed, has great historical significance as one of the few remaining original buildings erected in the early 20th century as part of Terminal City, the commercial and office development that followed the reconstruction of Grand Central Terminal. Unfortunately, now the Roosevelt remains as one of Manhattan's only major hotels that has not yet even partially reopened since the start of the COVID pandemic, We are concerned that the hotel's ownership may keep it closed, demolish it, or convert it to another use, which would jeopardize its future as an iconic piece of the city's history.

The hotel's architectural beauty and condition make it an ideal candidate for landmarking. As mentioned in CB5's resolution, "The exterior of The Roosevelt Hotel remains in excellent original condition, as well as many original interior details including a bronze relief of Theodore Roosevelt, (the hotel's namesake), grand marble columns, ceiling and wall murals, light fixtures, and intricate flooring designs." The loss or alteration of this property would be a tragic loss for our districts, and for Manhattan as a whole.

We urge the Landmarks Preservation Commission to seriously consider the Request for Evaluation and to move quickly to preserve this critical property. We are committed to working with our constituents and various stakeholders and we look forward to working with you throughout your consideration of this proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Keith Powers
Council Member, District 4



Richard Gottfried
Assembly Member, District 75



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