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Hon. Robert B Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, 9th floor
One Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: 353 West 20th Street

Dear Chair Tierney,

Manhattan Community Board 4 is writing about the application presented by Carlo Enzo Frugiuele for approval of plans to alter the above referenced property. The proposal is to build a five foot deep rear yard extension of all floors to align with the building immediately to the west. The drawings show the use of glass panels and sliders full width at the first floor, and three quarters width at the upper three floors, with red brick infill.

The Board recommends approval of this portion of the application.

The proposed cantilevered balconies at the third and fourth floors of the rear elevation are clearly out of context with the rear facades of the historically significant dwellings throughout this district. We believe the architectural effect is jarringly inappropriate and recommend that the applicant revisit the proposed design and suggest a more historically contextual design in its place.

The Committee recommends denial of this portion of the application.

Sincerely,

Corey Johnson
Chair

Damyanti Radheshwar
Co-Chair, Landmarks Committee

Pamela Wolff
Co-Chair, Landmarks Committee

cc: Speaker Christine Quinn
Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
NYS Senator Thomas Duane
NYS Assemblyman Richard Gottfried
Congressman Jerrold Nadler