



June 3rd, 2021

New York Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Center Street
New York, NY 10007

Attn.: Sarah Carroll, Chair

Cc.: Kate Lemos McHale, Director of Research.

Via e-mail

Dear Chair Carroll:

We are writing on behalf of all the members of our four organizations to ask you to designate the Roosevelt Hotel (George B. Post & Son, 1924) and the Postum building (Cross & Cross, 1923) as New York City individual landmarks.

These are rare intact survivors of the Terminal City development associated with the construction of Grand Central Terminal, a visionary plan, and they are at risk of being lost forever. This extraordinarily successful development, inspired by City Beautiful ideals, has been chipped away so that, today, very few buildings from the original Terminal City are extant to give Grand Central Terminal the context it needs to be fully understood: this is not about preserving the area “in amber” but rather about making sure that we preserve the area’s rich historical layering.

Time is of the essence (the Roosevelt is closed and vacant) and we urge you to make this matter a priority: this is the heart of New York, City.

With warm regards,

The City Club of New York, Françoise Astorg Bollack, Chair, Preservation Committee

The Historic Districts Council, Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director

The Municipal Art Society, Elizabeth Goldstein, President

The New York Landmarks Conservancy, Peg Breen, President