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Re: 918 Park Avenue

Dear Mr. Nason:

I am responding to your letter of July 30, 2025. I understand that you represent the property owner at 918 Park Avenue (the Adler), and not REG Architects, Inc. (REG). A separate responses will be provided directly to Mr. Gonzalez since he is the principal of REG. On behalf of REG Architects, Inc., Mr. Gonzalez executed an agreement, effective December 20, 2023 for a term of three years. The agreement addresses the conflict that was created as a result of REG's dual representation of the Town of Lake Park (Town) and the Adler. With respect to conflicts for those consultants that have executed continuing services agreements with the Town, Section 13, entitled "Conflicts," of the REG agreement states:

The Town agrees that the Consultant may perform services for clients **who are or may have matters** before the Town Commission, provided Consultant discloses any and all clients it represents who may have any matters which are now or **may reasonably be expected** to come before the Town Commission for its consideration and, provided further that the Town Commission **waives the actual or potential** conflict of interest created by Consultant's represented of the other client.

In this case, REG has an actual or potential conflict created by his current representation of the Adler, and his desire to represent it in proceedings that will actually or potentially be before the Town Commission. You are correct that Mr. Gonzalez previously testified during the proceedings involving the Adler's application to "de-designate" the Arnold Building as a locally designated historic building. His testimony ultimately was presented to the Town Commission at its consideration of the Adler's

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appeal of the recommendation to deny the application to de-designate the building. At the time of Mr. Gonzalez' testimony, REG did not have an agreement with the Town to provide continuing architectural services to the Town. Thus, there was no conflict.

Subsequently, REG responded to the Town's CCNA solicitation for continuing services to provide architectural services to the Town. The Adler has now filed a different application pertaining to the Adler which if approved could lead to the demolition of the Arnold building. Presumably, Mr. Gonzalez will testify consistent with his testimony when REG was not under contract with the Town and argue again that the Arnold Building is not worthy of maintaining its designation as a historic structure. The architectural services he will provide will be directly contrary to the position that the Town Commission has previously taken. This is clearly a conflict because to your client and these his arguments are contrary to the findings made by the Town's Community Development Department, the Town's architectural consultant, the Planning & Zoning Board, and the Town Commission. In essence, each of these entities found that REG's arguments were directly contrary to their collective findings that the Arnold Building remains of historic value and should not be de-designated, or demolished.

While I can appreciate the Adler's consternation, the conflict Mr. Gonzlez has created is one that he must resolve with the Adler and the Town Commission. Given the conflict which Mr. Gonzalez has created by his dual representation of the Adler and the Town, he must determine whether or not, he will comply with the conflict of interest provision of the agreement he executed with the Town. If he chooses to seek a waiver of the conflict, then, in accordance with the agreement, the Town Commission will determine whether or not to waive the conflict and permit him to represent the Adler. Until the Town Commission determines that it will waive the conflict, the Town objects to its consultant (RDS) also representing the Adler.

Very truly yours,

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