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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESRVATION COMMISSION REGARDING AN ADVISORY REPORT FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT, RIVERSIDE PARK - SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT – SCENIC LANDMARK

Good day Chair Carroll and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Conservancy is pleased to see that the project to make desperately needed repairs and improvements at the Sailors and Soldiers Monument is finally getting underway. We appreciate that the City has committed significant funding. In the application before you today, we support the restorative work, including the re-introduction of brick at the terraces.

The new walkway paths will provide greater accessibility and benefit visitors to the Monument. However, this is a robustly Beaux-Arts structure, with a pronounced symmetry. We believe that the paths would be more appropriate if they reflected that symmetry with a more classical, less naturalistic layout. We understand that site conditions might hinder this, but encourage the designers to explore this alternative.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.