



Date:	1/23/2018
LPC Docket #:	LPC-19-19280
LPC Action:	Approved
Action required by other agencies:	DOB
Permit Type:	CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

**Address:** 4 Astor Place, aka 740-744 Broadway and 436-450 Lafayette Street  
**Borough:** Manhattan  
**Block:** 545      **Lot:** 26  
**Historic District:** NoHo Historic District  
**Description:** A Romanesque/Renaissance Revival lofts building designed by Francis H. Kimball and built in 1891. Application is to install signage.

### COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission NOTED that the building’s style, scale, materials and details are among the features that contribute to the special architectural and historic character of the NoHo Historic District. The Commission also NOTED that Certificate of Appropriateness 10-5297 was issued on December 17, 2009 for installing illuminated signage "David Barton Gym" at the second floor window ledge of the Astor Place façade

Pursuant to Section 25-307 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Commission APPROVED the proposal, finding:

- that existing penetrations will be reused to the extent possible, and that the installation of the proposed sign will not cause damage to any significant architectural or historic feature of the building;
- that there is historic precedent for large signs on the façades of this building and other commercial buildings in this historic district;
- that the location of the sign in front of the second floor windows will recall the placement of historic signs which were found on cornices and spandrels throughout the façades of buildings of this age and type in this historic district;
- that the design of the signage, featuring edge-illuminated reverse channel letters painted white, attached to matt black aluminum letters, and mounted on tubular framing, will be consistent the signage previously approved by the Commission on this building;
- and that the size of the proposed illuminated signage will not overwhelm the façade, and will not call undue attention to itself or away from the significant architectural features of the building.

**VOTE:**

Present: Adi Shamir-Baron, Frederick Bland, Diana Chapin, Michael Devonshire, Michael Goldblum, John Gustafsson, Kim Vauss, Jeanne Lutfy, Anne HolFord Smith

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In Favor = A.Shamir-Baron, F.Bland, D.Chapin, M.Devonshire, M.Goldblum, J.Gustafsson, K.Vauss, J.Lutfy, A.HolFord Smith  
Oppose =  
Abstain =  
Recuse =

Please note that these “Commission Findings” are a summary of the findings related to the application. This is NOT a permit or approval to commence any work. No work may occur until the Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness, which requires review and approval of Department of Buildings filing drawings and/or other construction drawings related to the approved work. In addition, no work may occur until the work has been reviewed and approved by other City agencies, such as the Department of Buildings, as required by law