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#### **Public Design Commission Public Hearing**

#### **Re: 5G Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructure Installation**

FRIENDS of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, founded in 1982, is an independent, not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the architectural legacy, livability, and sense of place of the Upper East Side.

FRIENDS wholeheartedly supports the expanded deployment of 5G technology citywide, and we appreciate the effort the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) has taken to encourage a unified solution to enclose this new equipment. However, a one size fits all solution to installation on a broad variety of lamppost types is not the answer here. FRIENDS is particularly concerned about the overwhelming visual impact of the small cell shrouds on Bishop's Crooks lampposts, especially those located within the historic districts of the Upper East Side. Hovering above the graceful arch of the Bishop's Crook, the antenna shroud appears like a giant battery protruding into the sky.

We encourage the Public Design Commission to work together with DoITT, DOT, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission to design a smaller profile 5G installation for Bishop's Crook lampposts. Better yet, avoid these special lampposts altogether and concentrate the installation of necessary equipment on existing traffic poles, and the many LinkNYC kiosks or other street furniture already present on our sidewalks.

Thank you.