

LANDMARK WEST!

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Dear Fellow Advocates:

I am happy to announce that Sean Khorsandi has accepted the post of Interim Executive Director of LANDMARK WEST!. His appointment is effective immediately. A trained architect, Sean has served as LW's Advocacy Director for more than two years. He is already a strong voice for preservation at the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Community Board 7, neighborhood meetings, and citywide forums. His willingness to take on this role will make it possible for me to leave my post as LW! President with complete confidence that the organization will continue to be a robust force in the Upper West Side and preservation community for years to come. The Policy Committee of the Board, Sean, and I will work together to assure smooth and quick transition.

As always, your sustained support during this new era in LW's life is greatly appreciated!

I am looking forward to turning my full attention to the rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, and management of historic houses in the Hudson Valley, a project I started with my family 10 years ago. New adventures await, but I will be forever grateful for life-shaping experiences and friendships formed here at LW!.

Since its founding in 1985 by Arlene Simon, LW! has been a potent force for our historic places and, most importantly, the people whose lives they enrich. Everyone involved in LW!—neighbors, supporters, colleagues on the Board, staff, and preservation community across the city—has great reason to take pride in all that we've accomplished together. But, I want to echo the words of architect Robert A.M. Stern, whom we interviewed on the occasion of LW's 25th anniversary in 2010:

LANDMARK WEST! is just at the beginning...the teething years. Now we need an early childhood, then go on to teenage and later stages. We need LANDMARK WEST! I can't say it more clearly. Preservation is a continuing saga.

As with democracy, the price of saving our quality of life is eternal vigilance. This is what LW! does and will continue to do, with you by our side. Please know how grateful I am for your kindness, counsel, energy, and support.

Sincerely,



Kate Wood
President