



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
10 West 74th Street
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LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to install a canopy at 10 West 74th Street, a Moderne style apartment building designed by H. Herbert Lilien and built in 1940-41.

As one of our Committee members commented upon learning the scope of this project, “could be a stunning job, but not a timid one!” Indeed, channeling architect H. Herbert Lilien and realizing his original intent for a canopy at 10 West 74th Street will be a bold statement to set off this entrance to this residence. We encourage the architect to push their design—already off on a positive foot—a bit further to achieve the appropriate harmony of historical faithfulness and contemporary expression.

Rather than a semi-circle, we believe that a canopy at a apartment building of this vintage would have returned a bit more as it met the wall, giving an even bolder profile than the applicant’s plans propose. We would be interested to see this recommendation implemented in drawings and to hear the Commission’s thoughts on the impact of such modifications.