



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
25 West 75th Street
January 4, 2011**

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 alter the basement entrance at 25 West 75th Street, a Renaissance Revival-style rowhouse, designed by George M. Walgrove and built in 1892-93.

As our Committee first testified on this proposal at Public Hearing on June 15, 2010, we support this application to renovate the base of this row house to match the appearance of the base at Number 27, part of the same row. Removing the non-historic white brick and replicating the rusticated brownstone will certainly be a welcome improvement to this streetscape.

Again, we must point out that Number 29, also part of the same row, and Number 22, across the street, both have that most beautiful of streetscape elements: the stoop. The owner of Number 22 applied to the Commission just four years ago to replace the building's missing stoop. The result today is glorious. We encourage the owner of Numbers 25 and 27 to consider restoring the stoops to both buildings. You would be part of a wonderful trend that would make a true difference to the beauty and character of your block.

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