

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Regarding 270 Columbus Avenue
July 27, 2004**

LANDMARK WEST! is a non-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 legalize alterations to the enclosed street café without LPC permits.

We are never enthusiastic about closed sidewalk cafes, which generally destroy the bases of historic buildings and block pedestrian traffic. In this case, the use of colored plexiglass is particularly inappropriate as it makes the café even more visually obtrusive. The goal here should be to make the café as transparent as possible. The Committee can not support this legalization.

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
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Regarding 12 West 72nd Street
July 27, 2004**

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The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to install new entrance infill.

The proposed door is an improvement over the current door but the Committee can not fully support this application as it isolates the doorway and does not address the entrance as a whole. The building entrance is comprised of both the doorway and the monumental arch above the canopy and should be treated as one complete architectural element.

The proposal as is, will only restore half of the entrance at 12 West 72nd Street and does nothing to address the inappropriate and unsightly infill above the canopy.