



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
108 West 69th Street
December 18, 2007**

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 construct a rooftop addition of this Renaissance Revival-style rowhouse designed by Thom and Wilson, built in 1885-86 and designated as part of the Upper West Side-Central Park West Historic District.

Tucked between two early 20th-century apartment highrises, 108 West 69th Street is all that remains of a four-unit Thom & Wilson brownstone row that once lined the south side of this block. Because this five-story rowhouse is surrounded by multiple apartment buildings, its rear façade, and the proposed rooftop addition, are not visible from any public rights-of-way within the historic district.

Our committee does not object to the height of this proposed rooftop addition nor to the removal of original building fabric in this specific instance. We do recommend that the proposed addition be set back from the plane of rear façade, so that it may be read as a later addition and not part of the original building.