



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
151 Central Park West, The Kenilworth
March 7, 2017**

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 replace a window at 151 Central Park West, a French Beaux-Arts style apartment building designed by Townsend, Steinle & Haskell and built in 1906-08, which is part of the Central Park West – West 76th Street Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee carefully reviewed the applicant's proposal to replace an original casement wood-framed, textured glass, leaded dressing room special window with a new aluminum single-panel tilt-turn model.

In tandem, our Certificate of Appropriateness Committee reviewed the LPC's latest windows guide dated January 30, 2017 and distributed in early February.

The user-friendly diagram on page five of the nine-page report notes that a match is required for special windows on all façade locations in terms of material, operation, configuration, details and finish. This application meets none of these achievable standards.

Also in tandem, we had occasion to visit the Kenilworth where the original restored and maintained leaded windows of the same pattern, texture and material daylight the public stairwells and they were stunning.

Restoration of this window is readily possible, and if insulation is a concern, a storm window can be added to the interior side.

Our committee recommends denial of this application.

Thank you for your time.