



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
18 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street  
September 12, 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 enlarge window openings at 18 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street, a Georgian Revival style rowhouse with Beaux-Arts elements designed by Percy Griffin and built in 1904, which is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee carefully reviewed the applicant's proposal to enlarge a window opening on the fifth story of the rear façade, and we largely find the proposed modifications appropriate. In retaining the existing lintel and matching the new windowsill to that of the existing sill, the proposal minimizes some of the disruptive potential of the alteration.

We would prefer the applicant consider the thickness of the styles and rails of the new window to more elegantly match with the French doors of the adjacent balcony.

Implementing such changes could better unite the alterations. Our C of A Committee would also suggest the applicant consider aligning railing heights between this Juliet balcony and the rooftop patio. LANDMARK WEST!'s C of A Committee finds this proposal to be appropriate, and we support this application.

Thank you for your time.