Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
221 West 79th Street
November 1, 2016

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 modify windows installed in non-compliance with Certificate of Appropriateness 17-0409 at 221 West 79th Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse, designed by Clarence True built in 1895-96, which is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST!'s Certificate of Appropriateness Committee, much like you, the Landmarks Preservation Commission reviews each UWS application very carefully.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee previously approved the initial proposal showing that the casement windows were balanced and aligned with windows and doors of the storefront below. Modifications now show two operable double hung windows flanking a central picture window dimensioned at 2'-10” each, making the revised windows narrower than the doors directly below. This would result in two stacked but unrelated glazed in-fills.

LW! Would be fine with the operation being double hung in lieu of casements but would ask the systems to align from the first to second floors.

Thank you for your consideration.