



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
236 West 101st Street
September 13, 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 construct rear yard and rooftop additions, raise the chimney, and replace windows at 236 West 101st Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Gilbert A. Schellenger and built in 1892-93 which is part of the Riverside - West End Historic District Extension II.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is not alarmed by the rear yard addition, especially since there is not a dog leg at stake and the proposed extension continues the form of the landmark's massing.

Similarly, LW!'s C of A Committee is not alarmed by the underpinning, (more restrained than usual) nor the roof top addition, which is appropriately set back and, in our view, clad in appropriate materials.

Our Committee is most concerned by the proposed operation of the triple glazed simulated double-hung windows. These models change the original operation of the windows. While these are innocuous when closed, we feel that when opened as casements or hoppers, this will alter the rhythm of the street wall and ultimately be disconcerting.

As per our standard, we propose maintaining original windows whenever possible, and repairing when necessary. When replacements are required, we subscribe to preservation best-practices that they should match in material, profile and function.

Thank you for your time.