



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
307 West 103rd Street
September 20, 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 replace windows, construct a rear yard addition and alter the rear facade at 307 West 103rd Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by George F. Pelham, and built in 1895-96 which is part of the Riverside - West End Historic District Extension II.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is not alarmed by the majority of the substance of the proposed interventions. While we would prefer the stone lintels and window enframing with brick corbels to remain, we find the east facing dogleg facade solution quite interesting.

Our Committee can understand the interest in insulating an older landmark but questions whether EIFS, a product with decades of documented failures is the best coating for brick, a material meant to breathe.

We fear that this material choice will yield further reaching problems in the future.

Thank you for your time.