



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
322 Central Park West
April 5, 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 install planting beds in the areaway at 322 Central Park West. Designed by Edward Blum, and built in 1926, this is a neo-Renaissance Style apartment building with Gothic elements in the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

LANDMARK WEST!'s Certificate of Appropriateness Committee has reviewed the application and believes that it is an appropriate intervention within the district.

Replacing impermeable surfaces with a low-edge planting bed is a welcomed change. The granite curb will keep soil from overflowing into the sidewalk and the low planter railing will keep vegetation contained, and pets out. As long as this is drained properly to not pose harm to the Landmark, our Committee would recommend approval of this application.

Thank you for your consideration.