



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
327 Central Park West  
June 7th, 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 at 327 Central Park West, a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Nathan Korn and built in 1928-1929. It is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is not in favor of this Application. The Committee found the application's proclamation that "through bare branches the window location is hardly discernible" to be a tepid attempt at a substitute to factual information regarding the extent of the changes, and their visual impact. There are no examples of other altered window pairs in this structure or neighboring buildings- perhaps because the line has thus far been more closely held?

If the pair of replacement double hung windows is altered, it will be the only odd window in this line below terrace level on that set back. These replacements do not seek to return original materials or detailing but further diminish an already watered-down design, while also changing the function.

Apartment living has been described by Elizabeth Collins Cromley as living "alone together". This apartment seeks to live "alone, individually" with no regard for their neighbors nor the cohesiveness of their building, further evidenced by the lack of any meaningful contextual building elevation.

Our committee suggests that if such changes are to be seriously considered that the building submit a masterplan for review by the Commission first to ensure that there is a plan and not just adherence to individual whim.

Thank you for your consideration.