Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
39 West 67th Street
January 10, 2017

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 establish a master plan governing the future installation of windows at 39 West 67th Street, a neo-Renaissance style studio building designed by Pollard and Steinam and built in 1906-7, which is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicant’s efforts in not only pursuing a master plan in order to ensure future continuity but also for their understanding of this landmark’s distinct characteristics.

A direct neighbor to the LANDMARK WEST! Office, 39 West 67th Street is readily recognizable by its projecting bays and muntin grid windows. We are grateful for the presented efforts which offer the public a sense of what to expect as the owners plan for the future care of their landmark.

Style and operation-wise these are appropriate.

LANDMARK WEST! would always advocate for the repair and reuse of existing wood windows- many originals of which still adorn this primary façade more than a century later. Although the aluminum replacements are similar, they are thicker-framed and thinner muntined—and ultimately different. There is nothing quite like the original fabric, regardless of how close these facsimiles may be.

Still, LANDMARK WEST!'s C of A Committee supports this application.

Thank you for your time.