



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
39 West 67<sup>th</sup> 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 67<sup>th</sup> 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 67<sup>th</sup> 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.