



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
50 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street  
November 21, 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 50 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, a neo-Renaissance style hotel building designed by George F. Pelham and constructed in 1902-03. The application is to install a barrier-free access lift.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee feels very strongly that our landmarks (and city) should be made accessible and appreciates the applicant's efforts to accommodate all New Yorkers. We believe this is a strong project.

When we first reviewed this project in May, we expressed concern with some remaining terra cotta tile and with the color of the lift but this proposal appears to have addressed both of those issues, with the proposed railing now matching the building's masonry in color and the tile eliminated entirely.

We would only recommend that the street level connections of the rail be changed to a bolted flat panel in lieu of an angled support.

The Landmark West! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval of this application.