



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
51 West 81st Street  
December 13, 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 establish a master plan governing the future installation of windows at 51 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street, a Beaux-Arts style hotel building designed by Frederick C. Browne, and built in 1903-05, which is part of the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee thanks the applicant for their foresight in preparing a masterplan that will ensure that all future new windows will have the original 1 over 1 double hung configuration. While these will unfortunately not match the original material, we understand that they are at least materially in-kind matching what is currently there.

One would hope that success here can inspire neighbors to commit to similar action plans to ensure continuity and standards throughout their respective masonry openings.

Our committee supports approval of this certificate of appropriateness.

Thank you for your time.