



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
6 West 95th Street
July 25, 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 construct a rear yard addition, install windows, and rooftop HVAC units at 6 West 95th Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Horace Edgar and built in 1893-1894.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicant's restraint in providing alterations to the façade, and agrees that the door, and window modifications to in keeping with the landmark's character.

Additionally, the rooftop mechanical equipment is a utilitarian and sensibly sited.

While our Committee typically advocates for the retention of the dogleg, this reduced, wide-width replacement is framed in masonry and could feel plausible. We agree with the removal of grilles at the upper rear floor and the over-all massing.

Whenever possible, we would prefer to see the removal of paint on historic materials and underscore that removing the fourth floor's painted covering would ultimately require less maintenance than continually painting the three, new lower levels on the rear.

Further, if possible, the wing wall at the exposed dog leg wall for no. 8 West 95th street would be more fitting in brick, rather than EIFS.

LANDMARK WEST!'s Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports this application.

Thank you for your consideration.