



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
80 Riverside Drive
March 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 the application to install a rooftop mechanical equipment and screening at 80 Riverside Drive, a neo-Classical style apartment building designed by Maurice Deutsch and built in 1926-27, which is part of the Riverside Drive - West 80th-81st Street Historic District.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the efforts made by the applicant to restore aspects of the landmark building, namely replicate and return the parapet urns and replace the entrance doors with a design more in keeping with the architect's original intent.

Our Committee's concern lies with the additional rooftop equipment. 80 Riverside Drive is already the tallest structure on the block, containing more than three times the number of occupy-able floors as its neighbors and topping out at over three times the height. Consolidating and condensing equipment, while lowering dunnage could alleviate some of this impact, which further skews ones view from the Scenic Landmark of Riverside Park.

Our Committee recommends denial of this application.

Thank you for your time.