



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
840 West End Avenue  
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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 rooftop addition at West End Hall, located at 840 West End Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1904, which is part of the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II.

The LANDMARK WEST!'s Certificate of Appropriateness Committee reviewed two versions of this project and is in strongest support of the scheme that reinstates a previously removed rooftop balustrade, and sheathes a proposed rooftop penthouse in buff terracotta to match the warmth of the 6-story masonry structure below.

Our commentary mainly concerns the existing and proposed locations of cell phone transmitters.

The devices located on the roof that are not being relocated and were present at time of designation should be allowed to remain until they are subject to removal or replacement. Apparatus that is being RELOCATED, and subsequently made more visible due to the proposed intervention, however, should be bound to a contingent easement that notes upon completion of the current contract term- (stated by the applicant to be approximately 10 years) or any equipment substitution--whichever comes first, that these visible, relocated devices from T-Mobile and Verizon be reconsidered as new, independent Certificate of Appropriateness applications. We suspect that in a decade's time, the technology will become smaller, and if it must remain, visibility should be concealed from public thoroughfares.

Architecturally we support this application, and hope that the grandfathered technology can be improved upon in a future, contingent C of A.

Thank you for your consideration.