



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
884 West End Avenue
November 14, 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 884 West End Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by Gaetan Ajello and built in 1919-1920. The application is to install a barrier-free access ramp.

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.

We appreciate that the proposed ramp is held off the building, and that its appearance is further mediated by the inclusion of greenery. We do however recommend that the facing of the planter, currently rendered as granite tiling, be changed to something more monolithic, in tune with the landmark itself. We wish to commend the staff who have lent their skill and guidance to the applicant. Their work in ensuring that changes to our landmarks are thoughtful and appropriate is an important and invaluable part of the preservation process.

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