



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
3 Riverside Drive  
October 24, 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 excavate the cellar and rear yard, and construct below-grade additions at 3 Riverside Drive.

Our committee recognizes that below-grade additions can provide a way for owners of landmarks to expand their space without visually altering the historic fabric of their buildings and neighborhoods. We only wish to caution the applicant, as we would any other in this position, to pay close attention to the structural integrity of this landmark, as well as that of the structures surrounding it, as they embark upon their scope of work.

While we recognize that this excavation literally reaches new depths, it has no visual impact upon this landmark or its neighbors—so long as they aren't physically undermined in the process. We urge the crew to take extreme caution and adhere to Technical Policy and Procedure Notice #10/88, which sets forth the "procedures for the avoidance of damage to historic structures resulting from adjacent construction".

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

Thank you for your consideration.