



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
72 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street, aka 577 Columbus Avenue  
January 16, 2018**

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 72 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street, aka 577 Columbus Avenue, a Romanesque/Renaissance Revival style flats building designed by Francis A. Minuth and built in 1891-92. The application is to install storefront infill.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee commends the applicant for the tasteful work done in creating this new storefront. We welcome the added transparency on the street, and are pleased to see that the modulated façade design respects the structural bays of the landmark. We also appreciate the heavy muntins which define the transom above these windows and hark back to the original storefront. In this same vein, the reveals on the base tie this new storefront to the landmark it inhabits.

Furthermore, we wish to commend the applicant for the relocation of the door, which provides accessibility entry for all Upper West Siders, without the need for the installation of a cumbersome ramp or other addition. LANDMARK WEST! appreciates this dedication to creating spaces welcoming all of our neighbors.

For these reasons, the LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval of this application.