



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
341 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
June 19, 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 341 West 87th Street, a Renaissance Revival rowhouse designed by Alexander M. Welch and built in 1895-96. The application is to replace windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness believes that this application is thorough, well thought-out, and respectful of the historic fabric of this building. The French door solution is better suited to the historic fabric than the current aluminum sliding door. It will not take away from the historic aspect of the building. None of the windows in question are original to the building, but the choice of details and finishing for the new windows fit with the other frames. For this reason, the choice of black paint for the frames is appropriate.

We are particularly pleased with the choice to switch the window materials back from aluminum to wood. We are also pleased that the new windows will actually contain more glass than those that they will replace, which is more in keeping with the original windows. We hope that this project may serve as an example for a master plan on how to return to wood windows for the rest of the building.

Our only concern is that there were no historic photos shown in the presentation. This would have allowed all of us here, and the public, to compare the proposed changes to the original rowhouse.

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