



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
325 West 93rd Street
October 2, 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 325 West 93rd Street, a Neo-Renaissance flats building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1906. The application is for the installation of a canopy at the entrance.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness has no concerns with this proposed canopy. It recedes into the entry recess, is unobtrusive, and provides utility in regards to wayfinding and protection from the elements.

On a broader scale, the application reminds the public of the once stately façade (page 1), otherwise only hinted at by the upper stories. The base originally exhibited **ablaq masonry**, contrasting brick and limestone banding which accentuated the width of this 75-foot wide edifice. Not only would a return to the original Pelham design behoove the landmark, grounding it in physical history, it would visually ground the building, which currently seems to float above the street on an incongruous textured base.

With regards to the canopy, the LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends APPROVAL of this application.