



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
The Belnord Apartments-201-225 West 86th Street
November 13, 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 the application to install a barrier-free access ramp at this individual landmark, an Italian Renaissance-style apartment building designed by Hiss and Weekes and built in 1908-1909.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is comprised of many lawyers, architects, designers and committed neighbors who volunteer their time to review each and every Upper West Side application out of love for the built environment and genuine concern for our evolving community. And as full disclosure: one of those members is also the current Chair of the Landmark West! Board, (who happens to be the applicant for this item).

The Belnord, among the original 1966 individual designations, is one of the quintessential UWS landmarks by legal definition and in spirit. We are excited that residents of all physical abilities will have greater access to its unique spaces. The proposed ramp is functional, and acts as an understated background feature to the rich context it lies within.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes this proposal compliments the landmark, and we recommend approval of this application.

Thank you for your time.