

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission 314 West 100th Street – Chateaux November 27, 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 314 West 100th Street-Chateaux, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by George F. Pehlam and built in 1909-1910, and part of the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II. The application is to install a canopy.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness is grateful to the owner for their restraint, yet comprehension in this utilitarian addition. While a simpler model could have passed regulation, this canopy recalls the original iron and glass canopy that protected the original residents with grace.

As a removable accretion, it does not preclude a full (future) restoration of the original edition. While this canopy does not permanently disturb any of the original detail, it also doesn't make best use of it! The lion's mouth once held the tie-back for the canopy as was a common design feature at the time. It would be great if the intervention incorporated this feature in keeping with its design intent, as a support.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval of this application.