



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
370 Riverside Drive
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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 370 Riverside Drive, a Georgian Revival style apartment building, designed by Schwartz & Gross and built in 1922. The application is to establish a Master Plan governing the future installation of windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicants' efforts to organize a cohesive plan for the windows of their landmark.

The making of a masterplan is a proactive move for the long-game, one that is appropriately suited to landmarks which will be here for generations. The proposed plan organizes a disparate collection of windows into a once-again cohesive composition to suit this building. An aching question remains however—why develop a new scheme when the very act of a masterplan is opportunity for the return of a multi-lite original scheme in keeping with the Schwartz & Gross intent. If not now, then never...

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee suggests the Commission consider the return to the original multi-lite configuration.