



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
150 West 82nd Street
February 16, 2019**

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 150 West 82nd Street, a Neo-Georgian style apartment building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1926. The application is to enlarge the existing rooftop addition, and install mechanical equipment at the roof.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee acknowledges the applicant's interest in expanding their rooftop addition. As it is already non-original, with this intervention, there is no historic fabric at stake, but this does become a concern of visibility. Typically, with rooftop additions, we request that the material contrast the original structure. In this instance, however, the existing non-original yellow brick rooftop addition already seeks to acknowledge the building below, and thus may be appropriate to match.

Our Committee also noted that if realized, this would be the tallest rooftop addition on the block, as it already tops the tallest structure on the block. Freeing the existing roof of condensers in order to program the roof only pushes the skyward rise further with future mechanical equipment.

In time as more mechanical equipment collects, LW! fears that this will only keep pushing the upward limit, and thus our Committee asks that all options be explored before any further visible rooftop accretions are permitted.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports this application.