



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
313 Columbus Avenue  
May 14, 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 313 Columbus Avenue, a Romanesque-Revival style flats building with Queen Anne Style elements designed by Frederick T. Camp and built in 1889-90. The application is to construct a barrier-free access ramp and platform.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee feels strongly that all New Yorkers should have access to our landmarks, and we appreciate the applicant's proposal to bring increased accessibility to three retail locations along Columbus Avenue.

The design of the ramp is non-intrusive and does not destroy any original building fabric. Its forward-looking design serves multiple storefronts with one ramp and can be seen as a useful model for other retailers along the avenue and through the district to work together in order to serve their customers while being as unobtrusive to the public-right-of-way as possible.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports the construction of this barrier-free access ramp and platform.