



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
329 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 329 Columbus Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by Lamb & Rich and built in 1895-98. The application is to replace storefront infill and install signage.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee was excited to learn of this proposal—finally an opportunity to correct the missing storefront bay!

Unfortunately, the proposal, although independently handsome, does not relate back to the existing landmark. With the exception of the bottom datum of the sign band on page six, not one other element aligns to the divided tripartite patterning expressed in the five other bays of this exposure. The proposal in fact deviates even further from the existing condition at time of designation.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would support a proposal that seeks to relate to the landmark it resides within.