



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
400 West End 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 400 West End Avenue, an Art Deco style apartment building designed by Margon & Holder and built in 1930-31. The application is to replace windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is a strong advocate for windows masterplans. When given the opportunity, we always advocate for a return to the original material, configuration, and operation. The proposal presented of aluminum double hung windows meets none of these criteria of the original steel casement window design.

If the goal is to set a path for the future, addressing 23 windows in this apartment would be a prime scenario to set the record on the correct path. Approving this proposal would only create a false precedent for others to cite.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports a master plan for this landmark more in keeping with the original design.