

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission 241 Central Park West September 10, 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 241 Central Park West, an Art Deco style apartment building designed by Schwartz and Gross built in 1930-31 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to create a barrier-free accessible entrance.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes in accessibility to our landmarks. In this instance the Committee felt that making a change as designed for a ground level doctor's office might make sense with the proposed design, but as a main entrance for the mobility impaired residents it does not provide dignity and equity for everyday use.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports accessibility and hopes this can be achieved at the on-grade doorman-served entrance.