



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
132 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street  
February 25, 2020**

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 132 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Henry Anderson and built in 1893 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to construct a rooftop addition.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates this thorough and organized presentation. In many other cases, the Committee has disapproved of similar designs for rooftop additions. However, while the design finishes may be milquetoast, the applicant has been successful in producing an addition that respectfully differentiates itself from the existing building and is responsibly planned within the existing fabric of the building, row, and block. The Committee particularly appreciates the applicant's decision to place the rooftop addition even further back than those of its neighbors, but would hope it could be slightly pulled further forward from the existing rear wall. The restorative interventions to the rear façade in regards to retaining and repairing the existing brick corbelling, could thus better shine against the matching of the existing painted brick colors, and reusing the existing chimney caps also proposed.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would support this application for a rooftop addition with slight modifications.