



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
244 Riverside Drive
April 21, 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 244 Riverside Drive, a Renaissance Revival style tenement building designed by Robert T. Lyons and built in 1907 from within the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II. The application is to install barrier-free access ramps.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would, first, like to thank the applicant for a thorough and thoughtful presentation that clearly identifies their proposed intervention.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee fully supports accessibility of our landmarks in order to make them available to all New Yorkers. We find the proposed ramp to be an appropriate compromise to allow access to this building while not competing with the it's original design. The entrance points are thoughtful and respond to architectural cues from the façade. These ramps would complement the underlying structure and not obscure any defining features.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee fully supports approval of this application.