



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
60 West 76th Street
August 4, 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 60 West 76th Street, within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is a Renaissance Revival style flats building designed by Henry Anderson and built in 1892-1894. The Application is to modify the entrance landing and areaway and install a ramp.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicant's efforts to make this landmark accessible, and believes in the merit of this project.

Our Committee recognizes the current piers are heavily etched, cored hollow and compromised with fissures. With that understanding, we question the material and form of their replacements.

First, did the applicant consider replicating the rounded-top granite piers that are shown in the tax photos?

Second, if not returning to the original precedent of material and form, pulling profiles from the pilasters of the door enframements is a thoughtful option. It just feels a bit stage-set for anyone exiting the landmark who would see a smoothed backside facing the building. The Committee hopes the applicant might consider continuing the profiles on four sides and not just three each.

Thank You.