



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
262 Central Park West
September 22, 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 262 Central Park West, within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Sugarman & Berger and built in 1927-28. The Application is to establish a Master Plan governing the future installation of windows.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee always appreciates a considered master plan which restores cohesion to a building that may have become altered over time. The variety and range of picture windows, tilt/turn and double hung options currently catalogued in this presentation underscores the very importance of such a plan.

Returning to double hung windows throughout and more closely matching the brick molds are welcomed efforts to recall the original vision. Our committee felt this proposal stopped one step too short of the threshold by not seeking to reinstitute the divided multilites. While a master plan is the prime opportunity to get it right, it also sets the standard and will decide if this building will ever again appear as it was originally intended.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval with modifications to include the multilites for this application.

Thank You.