



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
40-42 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
November 10, 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 40-42 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1916-17. The Application is to install railings and alter the existing penthouse addition.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is nonplussed by the penthouse revamp—the stucco is debatably better than the standing seam metal siding.

The main concern of our committee lies with the additional rooftop railing. Since this will be publicly visible from different vantage points, our Committee again suggests a metal railing which can dissipate against the sky rather than catch the glare of the sun and read as an additional volume atop this landmark.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would suggest approval of this application with this slight modification.

Thank You.