



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
76-78-80 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street  
January 12, 2021**

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 Nos. 76, 78 and 80 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, formerly The Nebraska from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is a Renaissance/Romanesque Revival style flats building with storefronts at the ground floor designed by Thom & Wilson and built in 1890-91. Nos. 76, 78, The Application is to legalize the replacement of ironwork at the stoop without Landmarks Preservation Commission permit(s). No. 80, The Application is to establish a Master Plan governing the replacement of storefront infill, signage, and the installation of barrier-free access ramps.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee often has a vocal participant in today's applicant. Mr. Gill was helpful in our initial review and provided clarifications and even made detail changes which our Committee is supportive of.

For Nos. 76 and 78, we find these modifications to be among the most benign interventions to legalize. While we don't support work without permits, we feel these changes bring the rails better into modern code compliance and reflect the language of the original materials, and deserve an exception.

For No. 80, we support barrier free access to our landmarks so they may be enjoyed by all and look forward to the eventual realization of this handsome storefront masterplan at the building formerly known as The Nebraska. For years, an outlier in what is becoming an increasingly restored commercial corridor, these alterations will help continue to draw visitors to the Upper West Side while restoring dignity to these prominent landmarks.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is in support of all aspects of this application as presented.

Thank You.