

Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission 263 West 93rd Street June 8, 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 263 West 93rd Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse designed by Alexander M. Welch and built in 1897 from within the Riverside – West End Historic District. The Application is to replace windows.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the applicant's effort to maintain this landmark. Retaining and restoring the decorative transom and surrounding brickmold while integrating the original millwork surrounds on the interior are laudable.

As a rule, we are slow to adopt awning and hopper window replacements where that was never their original function. In this instance, the owner had demonstrated care and their use of the awning window will more closely match the original appearance than the variant double-hung parlor windows seen at row neighbors #261 & #265.

Although hesitant as a replacement-in-kind would be most favorable, the Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee can support this C of A for approval.

Thank You.