



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
333 Central Park West – The Turin
July 27, 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 333 Central Park West, a neo-Renaissance style apartment building, designed by Albert Joseph Bodker and built between 1909-1910, located within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The Application is to install a rooftop pergola.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee reviewed the proposal carefully and had several reactions.

We seldom see such highly visible proposals that can be viewed from multiple arterial and scenic landmark vantage points. If this intervention were a requirement for the proper functioning of the landmark such as a code mandated chimney or vent stack or mechanical equipment, efforts would be made to reduce visibility by seeking alternate locations, limiting profile or examining all alternate mechanical means. This does not reflect the circumstances presented.

This pergola may be a nice-to-have asset, but it is not a critical feature to this landmark.

The Central Park West skyline is a variegated one of solid and void sculpted through mass and form.

A visible construction of unitized construction, that in all likelihood will be lit, does not complement this context. This proposal seeks to occupy a fraction of one of six lobes of a roof; surely, there are other options. With an expansive roofscape, our Committee would like to see exploration of alternate sitings with reduced visibility before further discussing material appropriateness.

Thank You.