



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 West 88th Street
November 9, 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 1 West 88th Street, a Modern style school from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark was designed by Edgar Tafel and built in 1967. The application is to alter areaway walls.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes our landmarks are for all, and increasing accessibility is a meaningful goal.

The proposed alterations are responsive to a practical need while also improving on the original making it more approachable in both the physical and welcoming senses. Further, the interventions unify the various painted metal surfaces (stairs, rails and doors) allowing them to recede and again be secondary to the building itself.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval of this application.

Thank You.