



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
33 West 89th 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 33 West 89th Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark was designed by Gilbert A. Schellenger and built 1894-95. The application is to modify the areaway, construct a stoop, modify the window openings, replace windows, and construct a rooftop and rear yard additions.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee was anxious at the litany of proposed changes to this landmark but happily surprised at the applicant's deft handling of each.

The long lost stoop will return with necessary accommodations for the tree pit and otherwise restore this segment of the row.

On the rear façade, while we often advocate for retaining the dogleg, we found that as with the front adapting to the modern context, this full width addition re-pairs the rowhouse with its adjacent altered neighbor. Given that there are almost no defining features to be lost, coupled with the applicant's use of masonry and punched windows in the cohesive tripartite proposal, our Committee felt this to be an appropriate design if the uppermost rear cornice is to survive.

Lastly, the roof addition is comparatively modest and non-visible from the street.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval of this application with the retention of the rear cornice.

Thank You.