



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
500 West End Avenue
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 500 West End Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building from within the Riverside - West End Historic District. This landmark was designed by Schwartz & Gross and built 1914-15. The application is to establish a Master Plan governing the future installation of windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is excited when applicants take the initiative in making a long-range plan for the stewardship of their landmark properties.

As is often the case, we use this opportunity to ask for a return to the original design as much is feasible understanding that profiles in aluminum will never exactly match the wood originals—although it should be noted this applicant's LPC-1.00 shows it can come very close. Here again, we would ask that the original mutli-lite over one configuration be codified as the standard so that this landmark will, in time conform to the original intent rather than be forever wrong.

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

Thank You.