



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
393 West End Avenue
January 4, 2022**

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 393 West End Avenue, a Colonial Revival style apartment building from within the West End-Collegiate Historic District Extension. This landmark was designed by Goldner & Goldner and built 1927. The application is to install a marquee, modify masonry openings and install windows, and modify a rooftop addition.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes that overall this series of interventions is net positive for the landmark.

The marquee replaces a non-original feature with an updated statement that enhances the streetscape.

The reconfigured penthouse does not cost the building any historic features and the raised parapet, although visible at a distance, softens the view and disguises the visual mechanical clutter above.

As for the doubled windows, the aspect ratio is believable and is pulled from the vocabulary of the building. Our committee wondered why the level nine window was not doubled as well in order to maintain the visual cohesion of the visible elevation over its neighbor.

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

Thank You.