



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
325 Riverside Drive
March 22, 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 325 Riverside Drive, a Colonial Revival style apartment building from within the Riverside – West End Historic District Extension II. This landmark was designed by Gaetan Ajello and built 1920-21. The application is to install an engraving at the entrance enframingent.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes our landmarks are essential records of our past, and that our past is ever expanding.

The proposal to rename 325 Riverside Drive the Sherwood is fully supported because its impetus speaks to its own history and enriches the narrative but also because the stewards of this landmark have wisely picked an appropriate font, scale, and positioning that will be seamless with the structure and not overwhelm nor distract from it.

The Upper West Side has a history of named buildings and if 325 Riverside Drive wants to self-identify as the Sherwood, we fully support that decision.

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

Thank You.