



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
42 West 70th Street
May 3, 2022**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to preserving the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on 42 West 70th Street, a Renaissance Revival style rowhouse with neo-Grec elements from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. This landmark was designed by Thom & Wilson and built 1891-92. The application is to alter the rear facade.

The Landmark West Certificate of Appropriateness Committee had various comments regarding the front façade where the intercom will obstruct decorative stonework, the rooftop addition, and the new layouts, but those are all under separate permits. With all of the changes, we are only to comment on the proposed rear elevation.

This applicant maintains punched openings and enhances the structure's safety with improved railings. The scars of through wall air conditioners will be healed, and a non-original bay devoid of original decoration and materials will be removed. It is hard to find fault with the narrow scope presented under this application.

The LANDMARK WEST Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports approval of the rear facade.

Thank You.