



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
257 Central Park West
June 7, 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 257 Central Park West, a Beaux-Arts-style apartment building designed by Mulliken & Moeller and built in 1905-1906 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to enlarge an elevator bulkhead.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the importance of open space. As the pandemic has proven, people are using their homes and landmarks more and in new ways giving society a renewed appreciation for light and air.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee thus found it fitting (or perhaps Orwellian?) that the residents of a building rechristened as “Orwell House” but built as “Central Park View” would initiate such a namesake project.

Regardless, our committee finds the proposal sympathetic to the landmark and believes this will be an asset to the residents and guests of this landmark. Although minimally visible from specific vantages within the park, the elevator overrun’s presence is excusable for the equity it will provide to this new amenity.

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