



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
258 West 97th Street
September 13, 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 258 West 97th Street, a Renaissance Revival style flats building from within the Riverside West End Historic Extension II. This landmark is designed by C. Huntington, and built in 1901-03. The application is to alter the façade to create a barrier-free access entrance and install EIFS cladding at the courtyard facades.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee understands the limitations of street-level access and appreciates the applicant's efforts to find alternatives. We too, agree that the lift is a sensible solution with the least impact on the surrounding landmark. We ask the applicant to clarify that the color of the lift door matches the main entry doors and that the railing pattern returns, perpendicular to the street alongside the new accessway, neither of which were clear from the presentation.

Regarding the EIFS, while this may be a cost-effective solution, it is not a historic material. Due to the massing of large building adjacent to the east, there is a significant exposure. We would ask that the applicant consider painting this so the look and feel of brick remains rather than applying a foam coating.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the overall efforts and welcomes The Fortune Society to the community.

Thank You.