



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
353 Riverside Drive
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 353 Riverside Drive, a Beaux-Arts style rowhouse building from within the Riverside - West End Historic Extension II. This landmark is designed by Robert D. Kohn, and built in 1899-1901. The application is to enlarge an elevator bulkhead.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee examined this proposal in light of two others on the docket today—the accessibility interests of 258 west 97th Street and the very different Rooftop Additions proposed at 86 Riverside Drive. This proposal shares the interests of both.

The proposal to maximize a largely flat roof is understandable, and elevator access is equitable. By design, the shaft is already east (inboard) from the stair bulkhead which helps disguise its mass. Further, the neighboring rowhouse already has added bulk which can help shield visibility.

Admittedly our Committee had trouble following some of the plans in relation to the final proposal but does find the rendered mock-up on P-19 substantial, albeit nominally visible from the public way.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee asks that if this can be reduced in any way that it be reduced, but our Committee is otherwise in favor of approval.

Thank You.