



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
50 West 72nd 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 50 West 72nd Street, a neo-Renaissance style apartment hotel from within the Upper West Side – Central Park West Historic District. This landmark is designed by Sugarman & Berger, and built in 1926-1927. The application is to replace storefront windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee is excited to see the expansion of a local businessman's footprint on a corridor recognized as the Upper West Side's main street.

The proposal for double-hung multi-lite windows is a closer nod to the original condition, but without comparisons to the particulars of the residential sashes above, our committee is left to guess as to how closely the dimensions of surrounding frames and muntins will adhere to the existing windows these seek to complement. These appear to match but one is not certain.

Further, while we agree that these are preferable storefronts to the existing plate glass display windows, the proposal only addresses a minority of street-level apertures in this structure which although not reflective of the original condition, do currently maintain cohesion among themselves.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports the proposed work but requests these standards be adopted for future street-level replacements at this landmark.

Thank You.