



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!  
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee  
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
514 West End Avenue  
December 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 514 West End Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building from within the Riverside-West End Historic Extension I. This landmark is designed by Gaetan Ajello, and built by Anthony A. Paterno in 1923-24. The application is to install a through-wall HVAC louver.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes this application for an additional grille does not substantially change one's reading of the facade however, we urge the applicant and the Commission to err on the side of caution when considering any future through-wall AC grilles. As it stands, the placement of previous grilles on the North and West elevations can be described as erratic and inconsistent at best. This latest installment begins a new line of grille placement on the North elevation. The question must be posed, at what point does the continuation of these puncture wounds fundamentally change the appearance of the landmark?

We urge the applicant to find alternatives for the future ventilation needs and suggest a master plan be put in place to standardize these AC grilles.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee cautiously recommends approval of this application with careful consideration for any future installations of AC grilles.

Thank You.