



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
471 West End Avenue
January 31, 2023**

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 471 West End Avenue, an altered Renaissance Revival-style rowhouse, designed by McKim, Mead & White and built in 1885-86. The application is to alter the facade and construct rooftop and rear yard additions.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the notable changes to the front facade in the revised application on 471 West End Avenue.

FRONT FACADE

We are pleased to see the restoration of detailed **apertures and brickwork** which reference the original 1885-1886 building. The maintenance of the lower entrance is a justifiable *compromise*.

ROOFTOP

In regards to the rooftop addition, we are concerned that the **height** of the bulkhead was *not addressed* in this revision and conversely **additional accretions** and mechanical equipment, such as metal stairs, feature on the almost two-story rooftop addition. These additions significantly compromise the reading of the original building.

REAR YARD

We acknowledge the change to brick on the rear yard addition as more appropriate to the previously proposed panelized design. We also believe the setback rear yard addition is more in keeping with the original condition of this rowhouse.

We again echo our original testimony calling for the elevator overrun to be capped at code minimum.