



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
61 West 70th Street
January 24, 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 61 West 70th Street, a Renaissance Revival-style rowhouse with Queen Anne elements designed by Charles Buek & Co. and built in 1890 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to construct a rooftop addition and alter the front facade and areaway.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee always appreciates interventions to make landmarks increasingly more accessible. We are in agreement with the proposed accessibility measures to the front areaway. We understand the necessity for an elevator bulkhead and appreciate the limited to no visibility of the rear yard extension. Our C of A Committee is eager to see the facade restored to its original brownstone instead of the painted stone, which was desperately in need of repair.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee would ask that the proposed bulkheads are kept to code minimum, otherwise, we can support the proposed changes.