



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
172 West 79th Street
March 14, 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 172 West 79th Street, a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by George A. Bagge & Sons and built in 1930-1935 from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to replace windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee had to check our calendars. 2023. 30+ years post-designation, this landmark miraculously retains a great majority of its original six-over-one window configurations, largely because neighbors worked in tandem for the greater good.

Changing two apertures to picture windows, even if they are on a secondary façade, disrupts the harmony of this neo-Renaissance building, especially since they are still visible.

LW! Wonders when the precedent windows cited in the presentation were installed, and if those windows were properly permitted.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends denial.

Thank you.