



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
173 Riverside Drive (aka 171-177 Riverside Drive)
January 23, 2024**

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 173 Riverside Drive, a Neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by J.E.R. Carpenter and built in 1925-26, from within the Riverside - West End Historic District. The application is to establish a master plan governing the replacement of window bulkheads with a substitute material.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee always advocates for the retention of any original historic fabric whenever possible; however, we acknowledge the current wooden panels located behind balconette railings of mostly the 2nd-floor windows are badly deteriorated and unorthodox for this type of building design and design period.

Our Committee wants to be sure that if a master plan is drafted for the removal and replacement of original material, that it be limited to this second-floor portion of the building, specified in the proposal, and that the “spandrel” and “bulkhead” refers to the panel immediately below the sill, not the architectural definition of “spandrel” which would involve disruption to the paired triangular portions above the arch, and within the rectangular frame of the window composition.

Thank you.