



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
340 West 85th Street
February 13, 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 340 West 85th Street, a Colonial Revival style club house and dwelling designed by George B. de Gersdorff and built in 1926-27, from within the Riverside - West End Historic District. The application is to install a barrier-free access ramp.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes that this application has faithfully thought of the best ways to make a historic structure ADA compliant while making efforts to preserve the historic integrity of the facade and simultaneously meet the needs of the residents.

The detailing from native handrail profiles to column base toruses is especially appreciated.

We suggest that in order to reduce the size of the entire composition, the stairs could be moved to the west. Doing so would make shared use of the primary landing and save a masonry opening from being obstructed.

Thank you.