



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
262 Central Park West
April, 9, 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 262 Central Park West, a Renaissance Revival apartment building designed by Sugarman & Berger and built in 1927-28, from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to install a louver.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee believes there are many alternatives to this proposal that should be examined before installing a louver of this size and impact on the primary facade, specifically at pedestrian-level. Our Committee is concerned this equipment will not only emit a great deal of hot air onto the street, affecting pedestrians and nearby foliage, but its functionality and appearance will detract from the ambiance of walking along the street in this historic district. There are ways to mechanically and technically accommodate this need from within that do not impact the public view of the landmark.

We hope this can be mitigated by moving the louver to a less impactful location.

Thank you.