



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
1000 Fifth Avenue - The Metropolitan Museum of Art
December 17, 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 1000 Fifth Avenue, a Beaux-Arts and Roman style museum building designed by Vaux and Mould, Richard Morris Hunt and Richard Howland Hunt, and McKim, Mead and White and built in 1864-1965, with later additions built between 1975-1990 and designed by Roche-Dinkeloo. The application is to install entrance infill and signage at the 83rd Street entrance, and install rooftop HVAC equipment and screening.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee can support the installation of additional, accessible doors at the 83rd Street entrance. Although these entrances are not proposed to use wood, the original McKim, Mead, White material, these proposed doors are sensible, and offer uniformity while accommodating more visitors to the museum.

Updating the museum's energy infrastructure is key for the efficient operation of the museum, the stewardship of its collection, and the comfort of its patrons. We appreciate the museum's proactive focus on becoming more climate resilient. Our Committee believes the visibility of the screen in front of the proposed cooling towers does not impact the architectural significance of the museum. We can support the approval of this project.

Thank You.