



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
232 West End Avenue
June 17th, 2025**

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 232 West End Avenue, a Beaux Arts style rowhouse designed by Herts & Tallant in 1903-04 from within the West End - Collegiate Historic District Extension. The application is to modify the main entry, construct a rooftop addition, demolish a rear addition, and reconstruct the rear facade.

Regarding the rooftop addition, while we note that the design is relatively featureless, we recognize that it will have minimal visibility from the street. As such, we do not find it to be objectionable in terms of its visual impact on the historic streetscape. However, we would prefer to see brick used rather than stucco for the façade of the rooftop addition, as it would be more consistent with the historic character of the building and district.

We appreciate the proposed work at the main entry and commend the effort to replace the existing glass doors with what is believed to be the historic condition. This kind of sensitive restoration work contributes meaningfully to the building's architectural integrity.

Finally, regarding the rear façade, we recommend that the proposed balcony at the fourth level be widened to match the full width of the new doors. We believe this adjustment would create a more balanced and intentional design.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends approval with those modifications mentioned.

Thank you.