



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
878 West End Avenue
December 8, 2015**

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 the application to install a door and sidelights at 878 West End Avenue, a Renaissance Revival style apartment building designed by Rosario Candela and built in 1922-23. 878 WEA is part of the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee finds the Applicant's proposal to replace the canopy with a smaller one, which not only complies with current New York City code but reveals additional long-hidden features of Candela's decorative facade to be appropriate, and welcomed.

LANDMARK WEST! is also cognizant of the needs of accessibility. The Committee believes that even enlarging the active leaf by a few inches as proposed, this entry will be easier for everyone to navigate. Given the anonymity of the institutional aluminum storefront, no tears will be shed as it is recycled with this week's Diet Coke cans. Our Committee finds the proposed decorative steel entry door and sidelights to be detailed, but not showy, and rather fitting for the edifice it proposes to grace. It will restore a worthy sense of arrival to this landmark, and the Committee is in support of its approval.