



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
322 West 72nd Street
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 322 West 72nd Street, a Colonial Revival style apartment building with Art Deco style details designed by George & Edward Blum and built in 1924-25, from within the West End - Collegiate Historic District. The application is to replace windows.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee appreciates the desire for uniformity and energy efficient windows. However, we would like to emphasize that many of our historic apartment buildings today lack distinct character due to the removal of multi-lite windows in favor of bland 1 over 1 double hung windows. Our Committee recognizes this application offers an opportunity for the building to establish a master plan, hinged upon exploring ideas to restore the original 6 over 1 fenestration and restore some historic character.

Our committee would like to stress the benefits of a master plan, not only for providing certainty in stewardship but for how easy it makes the lives of tenant neighbors who will also wish to update and replace their windows.

The LANDMARK WEST Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends the building develop a master plan which incorporates multi-lites for the retention of the historic character of this building.

Thank you.