



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
120-125 Riverside Drive
February 11, 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 120-125 Riverside Drive, a Medieval Revival style apartment building built in 1899-1900 and 1904-07 by George Keister and Samuel B. Ogden, respectively, from within the West End Historic District Extension I. The application is to alter the parapet and construct a rooftop addition.

The LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee laments the loss of the historic parapet that was unceremoniously removed in the 1940s. We are glad to see plans to restore this long-lost feature and that both buildings, which are harmonious with each other despite being designed by different architects, are being treated as such.

We are equally pleased to see lengthy renovation works at these buildings coming to a conclusion and hope that this new construction will have minimal negative effect on the quality of life of existing residents.

Our Committee's approval of the project is conditioned upon the Commissioner's approval and the installation of this parapet.

Thank you.