

## Testimony of LANDMARK WEST! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission 167 West 72nd Street March 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 167 West 72nd Street, a Neo-Grec mixed-use building originally built by D. and J. Jardine in 1883-84, but modified by E. Wilbur in 1909, from within the Upper West Side/Central Park West Historic District. The application is to legalize the replacement of windows installed without LPC permit (s).

When our Certificate of Appropriateness Committee saw this application last Summer, we appreciated that the applicant was willing to remediate the violation placed on this building for removing windows without permit (s). We are disappointed, however, to see a changed proposal, seeking to legalize inappropriate 1-over-1 windows instead.

Our Committee believes historic fenestration is key to the unique character of a landmark building. Not only is its former appearance with 9-over-1 windows well-documented, but this much altered building on this eclectic street in particular would benefit from the restoration of this historic configuration.

The Landmark West! Certificate of Appropriateness Committee recommends the applicant reinstall 9-over-1 windows.

Thank you.