

West End Preservation Society Statement to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding Certificate Of Appropriateness for Borough of Manhattan: 18-0722- 473 West End Ave: Block 1245 – Lot 25 Riverside-West End Historic District Ext l

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West End Preservation Society cannot approve this addition in its current form.

We recognize that there are physical constraints for the location of this rooftop bulkhead and canopy. Unfortunately, the location of the staircase from the fifteenth floor places this bulkhead very close to the wall fronting West End Avenue.

That positioning, coupled with the dimensions of the bulkhead and canopy make this outgrowth visible from several points on the thoroughfare. It can be seen from West End Avenue and W 81st Street and from West 83rd Street, between Broadway and West End Ave.

Due to its location, it does not appear possible to totally render this invisible from the street. We would, however, respectfully request the height be reduced to the lowest dimension allowable to maintain function and building code standards thus reducing visibility in the historic district.

Thank you for considering our comments.