



**West End Preservation Society Statement to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission regarding  
Certificate Of Appropriateness for Borough of Manhattan: 17-5206 – 320 West 88<sup>th</sup> St: Block 1249- Lot 143  
Riverside-West End Historic District**

**November 24, 2015**

Good Afternoon Chair Srinivasan, Commissioners and Staff,

My name is Josette Amato and I am speaking on behalf of the West End Preservation Society.

We understand this application for a rooftop addition will have little, if any, visibility from the street thoroughfare. The rear yard addition will be seen from other rear yards.

While we feel there will be a loss in symmetry should the addition grow to full width, we acknowledge the desire for additional square footage.

We understand the need to gain as much light as possible in the rear of a building. Our concern is the jarring dissonance among the rear windows in the proposed design.

When one looks at the building as a whole, it gives the appearance of three separate renovations done over separate times. We do not expect uniformity but would ask that the proposed windows relate to one another in a more harmonious way and perhaps one that references the story that was intended by Clarence True.

Thank you for considering our comments.