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**SUPPORT FOR CLINTON MANOR COURTYARD APARTMENTS  
DESIGNATION AS HISTORICAL CULTURAL MONUMENT**

Built in 1940, the Clinton Manor Courtyard is one of the oldest and largest courtyard apartment complexes of its time in Greater Wilshire. Inspired by the principles of the Garden City Movement, Clinton Manor was designed in the Colonial Revival Style, resulting in a 72,000 square foot complex of four residential buildings with eleven service buildings and garages set around a parklike courtyard with landscaped hedgerows and paths.

Built to house studio employees during Hollywood's Golden Age, Clinton Manor was designed 38 one-bedroom apartments and 16 two-bedroom apartments house residents on the site. Among the first to move in were Ruth and Elliot Handler, who while working as a studio stenographer and industrial designer started experimenting with plastics in their apartment and garage on property. The two would go on to found the industrial plastics and toy making giant Mattel in 1945.

In order to protect the historical resources embodied in the design of Clinton Manor Courtyard Apartments, the project has been nominated to the City's Cultural Heritage Commission as a Historical Cultural Monument. At its November 13, 2024 meeting the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) acted to approve the following motion previously approved by the GWNC Land Use Committee:

**The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the nomination of the Clinton Manor Courtyard Apartments as a Historic Cultural Monument.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brian Curran  
Chair, Land Use Committee

Conrad Starr  
President, GWNC

