

Communication from Public

Name: Margo

Date Submitted: 02/03/2025 08:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for your time and consideration regarding my comment. My name is Margo, and in 1996, I relocated from NYC to Los Angeles at the suggestion of my brother and his wife, who resided at Clinton Manor. I was immediately drawn to the charm of Clinton Manor, its proximity to Paramount Pictures and Larchmont Village, its historical connection to the entertainment industry, the cozy atmosphere and 1940s architectural details of the bungalow apartments, and the expansive communal gardens. It simultaneously offers privacy and community with the lushness of the gardens and hidden garages. Over the years, I've come to realize that Clinton Manor's unique garden design has fostered the crowning jewel of Clinton Manor, which is its creative and caring residents and the sense of community. This environment not only enhances our daily lives but also inspires a deeper connection among us, providing a vibrant and supportive atmosphere that is truly unparalleled. This is why I believe it's crucial to preserve Clinton Manor. In a city as large as Los Angeles, building a sense of community is rare, and Clinton Manor has achieved this quite remarkably. Please join Clinton Manor Coalition in allowing it to become an HCM, ensuring its preservation for the benefit of the city and the extraordinary residents who call it home. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding my comment.
Sincerely, Margo

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Name: Cecily Harrison

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the cultural importance of Clinton Manor apartments, where I have lived for 30 years. Charm and elegance was at the forefront of Clinton Manor's 1940 design. Pink buildings facing winding hedges and green lawns, magnolia tree at their center, tiled hallways, crown moldings, bay windows; architectural history not just to be admired but protected. And there is nothing like Clinton Manor when it comes to neighbors. Melissa, Nichole, Joanna, Patrick, Scarlett, Helen, Luke, Mary, Kate, David, Angela, Anton, Julia, Chloe, Margo, Liana, Orren, Vicki, Sami, and so many more make Clinton Manor a civically engaged and supportive neighborly community; its preservation, like a good neighbor, is invaluable to the fabric of Los Angeles. We are a departure from the indistinguishable multi-unit complexes Manhattanizing our once quaint Windsor Square without the advantage of accessible public transportation; traffic is intense and street parking non-existent. The calm and visual beauty of Clinton Manor is a welcome refuge from the hysteria of surrounding development. I would invite any of you to visit and hopefully agree, that it is in the city's – and the public's -- best interest to establish Clinton Manor as an historical landmark. Thank you.

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Name: Frances Zapanta
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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to you today in strong support of designating Clinton Manor as a Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM). My name is Frances Zapanta, and I have had the privilege of residing at Clinton Manor for the past year. However, my admiration for this extraordinary property stretches back nearly 15 years, when I first discovered it during an apartment search. The breathtaking outdoor spaces and exquisite architecture immediately captivated me, and I dreamed of one day making Clinton Manor my home. As a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, I recognize that Clinton Manor is a rare gem among the city's apartment buildings. Its rich history and unique charm stand in stark contrast to the many generic structures that now dominate our urban landscape. Clinton Manor's architectural beauty transports you to another era. The stately magnolia tree, a majestic sentinel, stands as the centerpiece of our serene courtyard. Every detail from the original architecture is cherished—from the classic door knockers and terracotta tiles on the stairs to the bay windows overlooking the courtyard. My initial decision to move here was influenced by its proximity to my office at a major TV/film studio—just a five-minute commute. Although I've since transitioned to a new role in the entertainment industry with an office just 10 minutes away, my love for Clinton Manor has only deepened over time. With such a short commute, I make a point of returning home each day for lunch. Accompanied by my loyal French bulldog, Lily, I find peace and rejuvenation in Clinton Manor's tranquil courtyard, watching Lily sunbathe while I enjoy a quiet meal. I firmly believe that granting Clinton Manor HCM status would be a transformative step, preserving this remarkable micro-neighborhood for generations to come. Recognizing its historical significance would not only celebrate its unique qualities but also highlight the importance of housing complexes that foster a sense of community and belonging. I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact Clinton Manor has on its residents, and I urge you to vote in favor of its HCM status. Let us ensure that this architectural treasure continues to stand as a beacon of beauty and community spirit for many years to come. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

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Name: Gordon James

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gordon James and I have been a resident of Clinton Manor Apartments for 17 years. I moved there directly from a high rise in New York City in 2007. The Manor is perfectly located near the studios I work for (Paramount and Raleigh) and is an almost impossible architectural find in our increasingly "modernized" neighborhood. I found this beautiful gem of a property accidentally as I left a viewing of an apartment complex across from Paramount studios. As I drove by the Manor, its beautiful colonial revival bay windows and stylings caught my attention immediately. Then I saw the garden and I was sold. The sign said "no vacancy" but I took a chance and called the landlady and was told an apartment would open up the next day. I have lived there ever since. The central garden courtyard is sadly a rare find in Los Angeles these days. Any visitor I've ever had to the Manor is always astounded by its beauty and its magnificent Magnolia tree. Its meticulously manicured hedges are reminiscent of the royal gardens in Europe. It is literally a garden oasis in the middle of a bustling LA city suburb. Each apartment faces this garden and is afforded gorgeous sundrenched views through bay windows each day. I have sadly watched as many single family homes around the Manor with the same architectural significance have been razed to the ground and replaced by modern cookie-cutter apartment complexes, and although I appreciate the need for more housing in our fine city, I must also emphasize the need to preserve the few historical architectural treasures we have left. I believe Clinton Manor Apartments is one such treasure and its historical tie to Mattel and the invention of the Barbie doll reinforce this belief. The layout of Manor also fosters a wonderful sense of community amongst its residents as we have to literally walk by each other and share the same central space to get into our apartments. This central garden was fundamental in maintaining our mental health during the pandemic, as we could all still socialize at a distance in the outdoor spaces, and check in on one another. I made many new and stronger bonds of friendships during what would normally be a devastating time of isolation thanks to living at the Manor, and I think it is fair to say that no one who visits would decline the opportunity to live there. It has been my happy place for 17 years. I would like to thank the commission for considering our application and would strongly

urge them to vote in favor of monument status for this rare piece of residential paradise. Sincerely, Gordon E. James