



CITY OF
West Linn

September 17, 2024

State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation
State Historic Preservation Office
725 Summer St NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 9730- 1271

RE: West Linn Historic Review Board Support for the McLean House National Register of Historic Places Nomination

Dear State Advisory Board Members,

The West Linn Historic Review Board (HRB) fully supports the nomination of the West Linn McLean House, located at 5350 River Street, West Linn, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, as we believe it meets the necessary criteria for listing.

The McLean House, a Colonial Revival home built in 1927 by Dr. Edward H. McLean, a prominent figure in West Linn and Clackamas County, is already recognized as a local historic property. Despite the impact of the I-205 construction on the property's setting and atmosphere, the house retains exceptional historic integrity. It stands as a well-preserved example of the eclectic Colonial Revival style in the Portland region and is the only remaining structure with sufficient integrity to be associated with the development of the PACC, the first local healthcare organization designed to serve millworkers and their families in West Linn and Oregon City.

The house remains in its original location, with both the exterior and interior largely unchanged. Its preservation, including the retention of all original wood multipaned windows—a feature often lost in houses of this era—attests to the craftsmanship of its time.

We find the nomination to be thorough in its description of the property, clearly identifying contributing and non-contributing features, with sufficient context to support its historical significance.

We appreciate your support of this unique heritage building and the support for making the historic areas of West Linn a vibrant part of our community.

Sincerely,

Vice Chair
West Linn Historic Review Board

