



City of
West Linn

May 14, 2024

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

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

Dear State Advisory Board Members,

The City of West Linn wishes to express its full support for listing West Linn McLean House on the National Register of Historic Places. The McLean House is a colonial revival home built in 1927 by Dr. Edward H. McLean, a prominent figure in West Linn and Clackamas County.

The City purchased the house and ground from Dr. McLean in 1969. Since acquiring the property, the City has acknowledged the McLean House and its surroundings as a distinctive and invaluable asset for the community. It has served as a significant cultural site for Native Americans before and after contact, early pioneers, and the West Linn community through the mid-20th century. Notably, the City aims to honor Dr. McLean, a pivotal figure in establishing the Physicians Association of Clackamas County (PACC). This association played a crucial role in shaping midcentury healthcare organization and delivery in Clackamas County, marking a significant milestone in healthcare development at both local and national levels.

The McLean House remains in its original location and has undergone minimal alterations. It stands as a testament to the craftsmanship of its time, preserving most of its original materials and interior design. The retention of all its original wood multipaned windows, a characteristic often lost in houses of similar vintage, further underscores its historical value.

Listing the McLean House on the National Register is not just a recognition of its historical significance, but also a valuable opportunity for increased awareness and exploration of West Linn's diverse history and culture. It fosters an avenue for the community to delve into the rich heritage of West Linn, Willamette Falls, Oregon's Native American tribes, and pioneering Oregon, thereby strengthening our community's sense of identity and pride.

We are grateful for your support in preserving our unique heritage building and recognizing West Linn's rich history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rory Bialostosky', written over a horizontal line.

RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST LINN

5-13-24

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