

Dayton Manor Soon to be Occupied

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In an effort to keep Dayton Manor from being converted into housing for the homeless, Congresswoman Susan Molinari is helping to orchestrate a transfer of the 120-unit facility to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, for use by civilian staffers and their families.

Dayton Manor, 9205 4th Avenue, is part of Naval Station New York, slated for closure in August, 1994.

The local community board had hoped the federal housing complex would be converted into housing for senior citizens. But at a January 19 press conference, Molinari and representatives from the Navy and federal prison authorities explained that exploring possibilities of using the property for low-income housing for the elderly could open the door for a homeless program.

"There is no other cause besides senior citizen housing that I would rather support," said Molinari. "But by pursuing that, we could be putting the community in danger."

"The Defense Department gets first crack," said Bill Federici, spokesman for the New York City Commission on Base Redevelopment.

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