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**RE: Council File 16-1049**

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**Charuni Patibanda** <cpatibanda@glaserweil.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 5:02 PM

Ms. Cheng,

Please find the below emails to be added to Council File 16-1049.

Thank you so much for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Char

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**From:** Charuni Patibanda  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** 'Sharon.dickinson@lacity.org'  
**Subject:** Council File 16-1049

Ms. Dickinson,

Please find the below emails sent to various members today regarding the Bob Hope Estate designation that will be heard at PLUM tomorrow. We would also like these added to the council file 16-1049.

Thank you very much for your assistance. Please let me know if you need anything else!

Best,  
Char

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**From:** Brendon Blincoe <[brendonblincoe@mac.com](mailto:brendonblincoe@mac.com)>

**Subject:** Re: CF 16-1049 – Oppose historic designation of Hope property

**Date:** February 6, 2017 at 12:04:33 PM PST

**To:** [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org), [julia.duncan@lacity.org](mailto:julia.duncan@lacity.org)

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Dear Councilmember Ryu

It has come to my attention that you and your office are submitting a motion to initiate a review to determine eligibility of the Dolores and Bob Hope property as a historical monument. Merely because a home's owner was famous does not make the property in which he or she lived historic. If that was the case thousands of properties in Los Angeles would need to be made historical monuments.

The City's Historic Commission unanimously voted that the property is not historic. And to saddle it with such a restrictive designation would be unfair to its current and future owners. Further, it would result in a reduction in its value, which would have a negative impact on the neighborhood. This is a private property that has never been shared with the public. It has sat behind hedge as a private property to keep the public out. This fight is not one I want my taxes paying for. As a resident of Toluca Lake, I would rather see Bob Hope recognized in the naming of a park or a street after him, not undermining the property where he once lived.

I believe that the City Council has a duty to uphold the decision of the Commission charged with deliberating on this matter and oppose the historic designation of Bob Hope's house.

Sincerely,

Brendon Blincoe

4732 Ledge Ave.

Toluca Lake, CA 91602

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Anthony Scuticchio <[anthony@montecarlodeli.com](mailto:anthony@montecarlodeli.com)>

**Subject:** Bob Hope Estate Toluca Lake

**Date:** February 6, 2017 at 12:02:51 PM PST

**To:** [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org), [julia.duncan@lacity.org](mailto:julia.duncan@lacity.org)

**Cc:** [shawn.kuk@lacity.org](mailto:shawn.kuk@lacity.org), [lynell.washington@lacity.org](mailto:lynell.washington@lacity.org), [Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org](mailto:Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org), [robert.katherman@lacity.org](mailto:robert.katherman@lacity.org), [doug.tripp@lacity.org](mailto:doug.tripp@lacity.org), [eric@ericshabsis.com](mailto:eric@ericshabsis.com)

Dear Councilmember Ryu

Merely because a home's owner was famous does not make the property in which he or she lived historic. That is the case with the Bob Hope residence on Moorpark Dr.

The City's Historic Commission unanimously voted that the property is not historic. And to saddle it with such a restrictive designation would be unfair to its current and future owners. Further, it would result in a reduction in its value, which would have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

I believe that the City Council has a duty to uphold the decision of the Commission charged with deliberating on this matter and oppose the historic designation of Bob Hope's house.

Sincerely,

Anthony Scuticchio

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ted Lee <[ted7545@gmail.com](mailto:ted7545@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** CF 16-1049 – Oppose historic designation of Hope property

**Date:** February 6, 2017 at 2:35:11 PM PST

**To:** [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org), [julia.duncan@lacity.org](mailto:julia.duncan@lacity.org)

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Councilman Ryu,

As a Toluca Lake resident, I am writing to express my support for the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation not to deem the Hope property historic. Your motion to submit this review was of waste of valuable time and resources, especially since you apparently did not even visit the property. This effort could have been better spent addressing the poor conditions of the West and East Cahuenga freeway off ramps.

Edward Lee

10441 Sarah Street

Toluca Lake, CA 91602

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ken Phillips <[kppublicitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:kppublicitygroup@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** CF 16-1049 – Oppose historic designation of Hope property

**Date:** February 6, 2017 at 2:32:27 PM PST

**To:** [cd4.issues@lacity.org](mailto:cd4.issues@lacity.org), [julia.duncan@lacity.org](mailto:julia.duncan@lacity.org)

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Councilman Ryu,

As a Toluca Lake resident, I am proud that our community is so closely associated with Bob Hope and the legacy he and Mrs. Hope leave behind. That is why I choose to support his wishes that his home be sold for as much as it might command, so that veterans and people down on their luck can benefit from its proceeds. A historic designation would reduce the home's resale value and not be what Mr. and Mrs. Hope wanted.

Sincerely,

Ken Phillips

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To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 5:58 PM

Ms. Cheng,

Please also find the attached letter regarding this matter.

Best,

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BobHope.org

November 15, 2016

Cultural Heritage Commission  
Office of Historic Resources  
Department of City Planning  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 559  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission,

I am writing to you regarding the former residence of Bob and Dolores Hope, my grandparents, at 10346 Moorpark Street. I understand that you are considering designating this property as a historic monument. While it is true that Bob Hope's contribution to the culture of Los Angeles was great, it was not his wishes, nor the wishes of his wife, Dolores Hope, that the property be designated as such. To the contrary, it was their expressed wishes that that the proceeds from the sale of their home go directly to the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation, whose primary mission is to feed, clothe and shelter the poor, with priority to those living in southern California.

In just the last five years, The Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation has given millions of dollars to non-profit organizations operating in Los Angeles, including The Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, The Dolores Hope Family Service Center, Food Corps, and Superfood Drive. I know it would please my grandparents to see how much good has come from their careful estate planning.

I request that you honor Bob Hope by allowing the Foundation to fulfill his wishes. He entrusted us to sell the property for a premium price and give the proceeds to those in need in Los Angeles, through the foundation that he and my grandmother established. It is my belief that making Bob Hope's former home a historic monument will quite literally take resources away from Los Angeles' poor. Meanwhile, with the house in its current state, a historic designation would not serve to honor Bob Hope or our family.

Sincerely,

Miranda Hope  
Vice President

## RE: Historic Designation of the Bob & Dolores Hope Estate

1 message

**Steve Hampar** <steve@hamparproperties.com>  
To: Sharon.Dickinson@lacity.org, Zina.Cheng@lacity.org  
Cc: Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 6:02 PM

Dear Sharon and Zina,

I am a 23 year resident of Toluca Lake, and feel strongly the house should be protected, as it **the icon of Toluca Lake.**

Once it is gone it can never be brought back, just as some of the other historic properties throughout L.A. that have been

destroyed. We should be learning from our mistakes and protect this historic site!

Thank you,

Steve Hampar

Stephen Hampar

Broker, CRS, CCIM

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## Bob Hope Estate

1 message

Hope Schenk <hopesdm@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Hope Schenk <hopesdm@yahoo.com>  
To: "Zina.Cheng@lacity.org" <Zina.Cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 6:41 PM

Dear Zina,

I am unable to attend your meeting tomorrow but am writing this note to you to encourage the committee to vote to include the Bob and Delores Hope Estate into the City's list of Historic Cultural Monuments.

My husband and I have been homeowners here in Toluca Lake for over 25 years. We love this neighborhood and feel it a privilege to be able to live here.

We enjoy not only the neighborhood but the history of this neighborhood. This said, we do not want to lose not only the history of the area but the landscape to the tract homes that seem to be appearing here in recent years.

Thank you,

Hope Schenk-de Michele

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10149 Toluca Lake Avenue



# Historic designation of the Bob and Dolores Toluca Lake Estate

1 message

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**Amy Grey** <amyg@dishcommunications.com>  
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Cc: Zina.Cheng@lacity.org, Carr Donald <carmug@me.com>

Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 11:12 PM

Dear Esteemed members of the City Council:

Several of us from Toluca Lake attended the last meeting.

While Ms. Hope and her team of highly compensated lawyers argued that there are street signs dedicated to Bob Hope, no one addressed the significance of maintaining the home or grounds that have become a fabric of our community.

Bob Hope was synonymous with Toluca Lake. His home was the focal point of our community and to destroy that legacy and replace it with even more faux cape cod houses is a desecration of what he contributed to the historical and cultural significance of Toluca Lake, the entertainment industry and the world. We hope that the city and those in power, will recognize how important the designation of the Hope's home and grounds to the integrity of Toluca Lake.

Thank you

*Amy Grey and Carr Donald*

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