

CF 16-1049

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Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 9:48 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jhani Kaye <jhanik@yahoo.com>
Subject: Bob Hope Home Designation
Date: February 9, 2017 at 11:15:46 PM PST
To: "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, "julia.duncan@lacity.org" <julia.duncan@lacity.org>
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Reply-To: Jhani Kaye <jhanik@yahoo.com>

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I met you at the the Caruso holiday party at The Grove. I am writing you to urge you to support the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation NOT to deem Bob Hope's home a historic site. I have been to the home and it's not worth such designation, even given the celebrity who lived there.

Mr. Hope has a street, an airport, a USO building, a sound stage, and several other structures named after him. He does not need anything more. Besides, the home was never visible to the public and they have never seen beyond the hedges.

The commissioners were thoughtful in their actions and deliberated fully. Their recommendation was unwavering and unanimous. When the matter comes back to the Council for a final vote, I urge you to vote against the historic designation since I am a member of your district.

Thank you very much,

John Kazaroff
Ponca Avenue
Toluca Lake

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

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Brendon Blincoe <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, julia.duncan@lacity.org
Cc: <shawn.kuk@lacity.org>, <lynell.washington@lacity.org>, <Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org>, <robert.katherman@lacity.org>, <doug.tripp@lacity.org>, <eric@ericshabsis.com>

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.

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, 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

Eric Shabsis
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Debi Deryberry <debi@debideryberry.com>

Subject: Bob Hope Estate

Date: February 13, 2017 at 5:17:11 AM PST

To: cd4.issues@lacity.org, 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,

Debi Deryberry
4907 Arcola Ave
Toluca Lake



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Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Thomas <bthomasinsurance@gmail.com>

Date: February 12, 2017 at 5:25:50 PM PST

To: Craig Strong <craig@strongrealtor.com>

Please pass on my firm position that Bob Hopes home is not designated a historic monument or landmark. It makes no sense to the community. A lot of famous people have lived in Toluca Lake over the years. Far more important issues need to be addressed.
Respectfully
Bob Thomas
10419 Bloomfield St
Toluca Lake, Ca. 91602

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Please include in CF 16-1049 — 3 separate emails.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Victor Georgino <vg@GEORGINODEVELOPMENT.COM>
Subject: Re: CF 16-1049 – Oppose historic designation of Hope property
Date: February 13, 2017 at 9:13:28 AM PST
To: "cd4.issues@lacity.org" <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, "julia.duncan@lacity.org" <julia.duncan@lacity.org>
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Los Angeles City Council,

My name is Victor Georgino, I live at 4555 Arcola Ave., Toluca Lake, 91602. I am respectfully requesting that the "Hope Property" not be designated as a historical site. Please respect the desire of the community, and actions taken by the Planning Department and Cultural Heritage Commission NOT to designate the property as historical. Seems to me that Councilman Ryu has no connection, understanding or desires of the Toluca Lake community he serves. His conviction for historical status has no merit; which he would know if he read the historical report completed by the Cultural Heritage Commission unanimously voting down the property to have historical status. This has been a lengthy process and now I believe by all accounts it needs to end.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Victor Georgino

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sue Georgino <sg@GEORGINODEVELOPMENT.COM>
Subject: Council action of Hope Property
Date: February 13, 2017 at 9:19:15 AM PST
To: "shawn.kuk@lacity.org" <shawn.kuk@lacity.org>, "lynell.washington@lacity.org" <lynell.washington@lacity.org>, "Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org" <Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org>, "robert.katherman@lacity.org" <robert.katherman@lacity.org>, "doug.tripp@lacity.org" <doug.tripp@lacity.org>, "eric@ericshabsis.com" <eric@ericshabsis.com>
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City Council,

I'm of an age that grew up with, loved and respected Bob and Dolores Hope and all they did to entertain us, contribute to our community and to care for our troops both here and abroad. I am also a Toluca Lake resident and have been a guest of Linda and Dolores Hope at the Hope property and thought it was charming. I was absolutely awed by the photos and memorabilia that chronicled their amazing lives. I believe those photos and other items would be a wonderful addition to any exhibit that would keep the legacy of Bob and Dolores Hope alive.

I also know that Bob and Dolores Hope were very fond of and were respectful of every community within which they lived. They were also excellent business people. In no way would the Hope's condone what Councilman Ryu is trying to do. Giving the Hope property historic designation without any plan for its use, upkeep and public ownership is just plain wrong. The house and grounds, in and of themselves, are not historic in either architecture or land use. The property is like many here in Toluca Lake. The mementos and photos are gone. The structure is a shell that housed them and as it no longer does that, it is no longer part of the Hope legacy. Giving the property such a designation would shut down any economic investment and doom the property to even more rapid decline. I suspect that is why the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommended to not to deem the Hope property historic. Mr. Hope was a gentleman and an incredible entertainer and I for one do want to "thank him for the memories." I don't want to have his memory distorted by "saving" a shell that is not the man.

Please support the commission's recommendations NOT to designate the Hope residence on Moorpark as historic.

Thank you,

Susan Georgino

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dahlman Rye <rdahlman@ryefilms.com>

Subject: Against Bob Hope Estate designation

Date: February 13, 2017 at 8:49:40 AM PST

To: <cd4.issues@lacity.org>, <julia.duncan@lacity.org>

Cc: <shawn.kuk@lacity.org>, <lyneil.washington@lacity.org>, <Gerald.Gubatan@lacity.org>, <robert.katherman@lacity.org>, <doug.tripp@lacity.org>, <eric@ericshabsis.com>

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I live five houses from the Bob Hope Estate. A few years ago when you were campaigning for election you knocked on my front door at 4434 Placidia Ave and said you would do anything in your power to uphold the Toluca Lake ambience. You asked for my vote and my family and I voted for you. You told me if I needed anything to send a personal email to your office. Well, here you go.

It has come to my attention that the Bob Hope Estate is being considered for historic designation. The following are my views on this proposed designation.

Reasons to NOT designate The Hope Estate as a Historic Cultural Monument.

1. Bob Hope's daughter Linda is against the designation.
2. Designation could effect neighboring home values and encumber the property unnecessarily.
3. The walls surrounding the property should tell you everything you need to know, the Hopes wanted to keep the public out so they could enjoy their privacy.
4. The Cultural heritage Commission found no elements of architectural significance and voted unanimously against designation.
5. I understand the proceeds of the Hope sale will fund local community organizations that help veterans and the homeless in need and should be sold for the highest possible price.

Reasons to designate The Hope Estate as a Historic Cultural Monument.

1. None.

The City Council has the duty to uphold the decision of the Cultural Heritage Commission charged with deliberating on this matter. If and when this matter comes back to the Council for final vote, please vote against the proposed historic designation.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my point of view.

Rye Dahlman
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