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Dear Council President Wesson,

Please find attached letter supporting the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation and their request that the City Council uphold the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission denying designation of historic status to the Hope Toluca Lake property. Please note we have also sent a letter of this request to Council Member Ryu.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

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February 24, 2017

Council President Herb Wesson
Los Angeles City Hall, Room
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Re: CF 16-1049 – Oppose

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Dear Council President Wesson,

On behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles (the "St. Vincent de Paul Society"), I am writing in support of The Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation (the "Hope Foundation") and their request that the City Council uphold the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission denying designation of historic status to the Hope Toluca Lake property.

It is our understanding that overturning that denial and designating the Hope Toluca Lake property as historic most likely would adversely impact its market value, thus depriving the Hope Foundation of very substantial amounts of funds needed to fulfill its mission of feeding and clothing the poor and supporting veterans. In turn, such a loss to the Hope Foundation likely would negatively impact the funding which the St. Vincent de Paul Society would anticipate receiving from the Hope Foundation to support our own charitable mission of serving the poor through, for example, our Cardinal Manning Center [shelter] on Skid Row and other housing programs.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, and other charitable organizations, have been blessed as beneficiaries of generous grants from the Hope Foundation, and we look forward to the continued opportunity of working with a sufficiently funded Hope Foundation in carrying out our shared charitable missions, via financial grants, to serve the needs of the most vulnerable poor in Los Angeles.

On behalf of those needy persons served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please uphold the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission denying historic designation to the Hope Toluca Lake property.

Sincerely,

David Fields
Executive Director
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of Los Angeles

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