

## From Cynthia Cherbak

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Cynthia Cherbak <gypsymoon8@gmail.com>  
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 4:13 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to ask that you support the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to deny the designation of the property at 10350 Moorpark St. in Toluca Lake. I live at 4400 Forman Ave., Toluca Lake 91602 and I do not support the designation.

I feel that you should know that on Feb. 22, 2017, I was bringing in my trash cans when I was accosted by a man 35-40 years old, with dark hair wearing a brown suit, no tie. He said they were putting some of the neighbors on tape who wanted to make their opinions known concerning the Bob Hope Estate. He mentioned that they were considering building 19 homes on the Bob Hope property and did I think Bob Hope would want his name on that! I said we didn't have to guess what Bob Hope would have wanted; he stated exactly what he wanted in his will, that the property should be sold to benefit his Foundation.

The man was insistent and argumentative, saying we should preserve Bob Hope's house. I pointed out that it had no architectural significance, that what we should do is follow the very specific instructions in Bob Hope's will. He said that maybe Bill Gates or someone would buy the property if it were known that it was going to be preserved. I said that no one had bought it in two years and the Foundation was paying the considerable costs of maintaining it, which I thought was unfair.

The man proposed there was a compromise: the option of preserving two acres of the estate and the house. I said that no one who is not a family member should have any say what happens to the property and that Bob and Dolores Hope couldn't have made their wishes any clearer; if they had wanted the house to become a monument they would have their daughter, Linda Hope, make it happen. They had wanted to sell their house and have the money go to the Foundation.

I then excused myself.

Please record this email in Council File #16-1049.

Thank you,

Cynthia Cherbak

## CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

1 message

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**eric@ericshabsis.com** <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 4:24 PM

**From:** Mills Donna <thedonnamills@gmail.com>  
**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 4:07:46 PM PST  
**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org, Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Zina.chang@lacity.org  
**Cc:** eric@ericshabsis.com  
**Subject:** CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

Councilman Ryu,

The proceeds of the sale of Bob Hope's home will be going to fund local community organizations that help veterans and others in need. I believe that to be a noble cause, and appreciate Mr. Hope's vision to do good, even in death. As such, the home should be sold for as much money as possible.

With a historic designation attached, the home would lose value, and less people would be helped. Therefore, I do not support the historic designation of the Hope home, and would ask that you do the same.

We owe it to people in need and veterans not to encumber this home unnecessarily. Please oppose the historic designation, just as the City's Historic Commission did unanimously during its deliberations.

Donna Mills  
2346 Mandeville Cyn. Rd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

## CF 16-1049. Bob Hope Toluca Lake Home - oppose

1 message

eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 4:25 PM

**From:** Angela Cartwright <acartwrightstudio@gmail.com>  
**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 4:22:37 PM PST  
**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org, Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Zina.chang@lacity.org  
**Cc:** eric@ericshabsis.com  
**Subject:** Bob Hope Toluca Lake Home

Councilman Ryu,

The proceeds of the sale of Bob Hope's home will be going to fund local community organizations that help veterans and others in need. I believe that to be a noble cause, and appreciate Mr. Hope's vision to do good, even in death. As such, the home should be sold for as much money as possible.

With a historic designation attached, the home would lose value, and less people would be helped. Therefore, I do not support the historic designation of the Hope home, and would ask that you do the same.

Having known Bob personally, I know he wanted to help people and veterans particularly. This is why he put these wishes into his will before he and his wife Delores passed away. Bob's name is preserved with a street name and the Burbank airport. If his last wishes was to use the money from the sale of the house for programs he believed in, this is what should be done.

We owe it to people in need and veterans not to encumber this home unnecessarily. Please oppose the historic designation, just as the City's Historic Commission did unanimously during its deliberations.

Steve & Angela Gullion  
4330 Bakman Avenue  
Studio City, CA 91602

## Fwd: BOB HOPE ESTATE

1 message

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Ellen Litwack <ellen33333@gmail.com>  
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 4:28 PM

**From:** Ellen Litwack <ellen33333@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** BOB HOPE ESTATE  
**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 4:21:37 PM PST  
**To:** zina.cheng@lacity.org

*Dear Councilmembers,*

I am writing to ask that you support the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to deny the designation of the property at 10350 Moorpark Street in Toluca Lake. I am a resident of Toluca Lake and I do not support the designation. Usurping the rights of a private citizen with a legally executed will and trust document is a dangerous precedent, one that concerns me greatly. Please record this email in Council File #16-1049.

Thank you,  
Ellen Litwack

## CF 16-1049 The Bob Hope Estate - oppose.

1 message

eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 4:56 PM

**From:** txsvxn@aol.com  
**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 4:54:47 PM PST  
**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org  
**Cc:** <zina.cheng@lacity.org>, <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
**Subject:** The Bob Hope Estate

Honorable Councilman Ryu,

Please reconsider your thoughts on making the Bob Hope estate an historic site. The proceeds of the sale of Bob Hope's home will be going to fund local community organizations that help veterans and others in need. I believe that to be a noble cause, and appreciate Mr. Hope's vision to do good, even in death. I had the good fortune of working with Mr. Hope and traveling with him in some of his shows and I know that more than anything his goal in life was to help and elevate as many people as he could. His wife Dolores made it clear that his wishes were to be carried out after his death and I believe that they should be. Mr. Hope was a great patriot and a national treasure, the least you can do is honor his wishes. In order to help the people that Mr. Hope worked so hard for the home should be sold for as much money as possible.

With a historic designation attached, the home would lose value, and less people would be helped. Therefore, I do not support the historic designation of the Hope home, and would ask that you do the same.

We owe it to people in need and veterans not to encumber this home unnecessarily. Please oppose the historic designation, just as the City's Historic Commission did unanimously during its deliberations.

Name: Morgan Brittany  
Address: 3434 Cornell RD  
City, Zip: Agoura Hills, CA 91301

## CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

6 messages

Stephanie Z. <parousia2@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 5:04 PM

To: David.ryu@lacity.org, Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, zina.cheng@lacity.org

Cc: eric@ericshabsis.com

Councilmembers Ryu, Wesson, and Zina Cheng:

I am writing in opposition to any actions to designate the home of Bob and Dolores Hope as historic.

First and foremost, such a designation is not what the Hopes wanted, nor is it supported by their family. Second, a designation does nothing for the public or the community. Rather, it decreases the value of the property, of which the proceeds from the sale are designated to go to the poor and veterans.

Bob Hope was an American icon, I am honored to say I knew him, I and my father Efrem spent time with him and Dolores on several occasions, and I am fully aware they were Toluca. His contributions should be celebrated. However, if you wish to honor his legacy, it would be most appropriate to do so in a manner they would have wished. The designation of their home is not it. Helping to increase funding for those in need and our nation's veterans through the Hope charitable foundation would be most fitting, and ultimately right, to honor their wishes and legacy.

Again, please do not continue this effort to designate the Hope home against the wishes of Bob and Dolores Hope and their surviving family. As a family friend, I and many others do not support such a designation.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Zimbalist

Encino, California, 91436

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 6:57 PM

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

**From:** Judy Norton <judynorton@me.com>

**Date:** February 25, 2017 at 6:34:26 PM PST

**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org, Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Zina.chang@lacity.org

**Cc:** <eric@ericshabsis.com>

**Subject:** CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I understand and admire your desire to pay tribute to the legendary Bob Hope by designating the Toluca Lake home he and his wife shared for years. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Hope was well known for his charitable and humanitarian efforts towards those in need and especially toward our Armed Forces. I had

the privilege to perform in several USO tours and I know first hand how much his care and support meant to our servicemen.

Therefore I strongly urge you to honor Mr. Hope's legacy, not through designating their house, an inanimate, material object, as an Historic Estate, but rather through abiding by Mr. and Mrs. Hope's personally expressed desire to utilize the sale of their estate to help clothe, feed and shelter as many in need as possible, especially those who have served. By not designating the Hope estate as historic, the highest possible sales price can be realized and thus the most tangible benefit be realized for those in need.

In this way, Sir, will best honor the man we have all come to treasure and continue his legacy in the most meaningful manner.

Sincerely,

Judy Norton  
1435 Valane Dr.  
Glendale, CA 91208

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eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: Zina Cheng <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:07 PM

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Darcy Donovan <officialdarcydonavan@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property  
**Date:** February 26, 2017 at 2:39:32 PM PST  
**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org, Zina.chang@lacity.org, Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org  
**Cc:** eric@ericshabsis.com

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I hope you are having a nice day today. I wanted to get in touch with you regarding the matter of designation of Bob Hope's house as historic.

I urge you to support the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation to NOT deem Bob Hope's home historic.

The proceeds of the sale of Bob Hope's home will be going to fund local community organizations that help veterans and others in need. It would be wrong to designate Mr. and Mrs. Hope's home historic, as it would not be in keeping with what they wanted for their property and legacy. The historic designation would also minimize money available for charities through the Foundation, which is the sole beneficiary of the sale of the home.

I support the Hope's vision to do good, even in death. As such, the home should be sold for as much money as possible for people in need and veterans.

Please do not support historic designation of the Hope estate.

Sincerely yours,

Jon Larson  
2400 Creston Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90068

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eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>, Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 3:33 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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> Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017 9:56 PM  
> From: Milt P Larsen <miltlarsen1@me.com>  
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> Dear Council member Ryu  
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> I believe I can speak for the 5,000 members of Hollywood's Academy of Magical Arts and as the founder of the Magic Castle in asking you to oppose the designation to the Hope Family Toluca Lake property as a historical monument.  
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> As a former member of the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Chamber and one of those honored with a star on the Hollywood "Walk of Fame" as well as getting the Variey Artsbuilding in L.A. on the National Registry and creating The Magic Castle..( Landmark #204 (It as was this month's #14 in a list of L.A.s Wonderful Architectually Landmarks.) Such honors are welcome, however being they significantly diminish the worth of a family property and, in this case, the worth of one of our most generous foundations. It my opinion that is simply unforgivable.  
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> Bob Hope bought property in Burbank and in Toluca Lake in the 30s (bookends by Uniivara and Disney) with a vision for the Valley. His amazing contributions to tne U.S.O. and the veterans and the millions of people that needed help are well documented.  
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> Any opposition to not letting the family have the right to sell their home for as much possible money to further the goals of its foundations and Bob and Delores' last wishes must result of the Council voting NO in this matter.  
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> Let's thank Bob, Dorores and Linda and join in singing "Thanks for the Memories."  
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> With respect,  
> Milt Larsen  
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> Milt Larsen  
> President Magic Castles Inc.  
> 7001 Franklin Avenue  
> Hollywood CA 90028  
> 323-851-3443  
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eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 3:34 PM



Please oppose the historic designation, just as the City's Historic Commission did unanimously during its deliberations.

Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes,

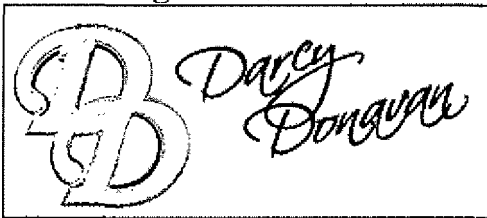
Darcy Donovan

5160 Van Nuys Blvd.

Suite #143

Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

**Film & Television Actress,  
Recording Artist/Producer**



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eric@ericshabsis.com <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
To: Zina Cheng <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:32 PM

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** jon larsen <jondavidlarsen@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property  
**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 12:14:51 PM PST  
**To:** David.ryu@lacity.org  
**Cc:** Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Zina.chang@lacity.org, eric@ericshabsis.com

Dear Councilman Ryu,

If Bob and Dolores Hope were alive, they would vigorously oppose the designation of their Toluca Lake home as an historic landmark. It is not what they wanted for their home, as expressly stated in their legally executed Will and Testament. I believe their wishes should count for quite a lot in this case.

That, coupled with the facts - the property has no elements of architectural significance; the Historic Commission found nothing worthy of historic designation; their daughter, Linda, asked that the property not be designated - make the decision pretty clear cut. As a longtime LA resident and executive in the entertainment industry, with all due respect I implore you to go against neither Mr. and Mrs. Hope's wishes, nor the facts.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jerry Mathers <leaveittojerry1@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** February 27, 2017 at 3:15:49 PM PST  
**To:** <David.ryu@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <Zina.chang@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** <eric@ericshabsis.com>  
**Subject:** CF 16-1049 - **Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property**  
**Reply-To:** Jerry Mathers <leaveittojerry1@yahoo.com>

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I worked with Mr. Bob Hope in two movies, "The Seven Little Foys" and "That Certain Feeling". In "The Seven Little Foys" Mr. Hope put his life in danger when a special effect in a fire scene went amiss and he risked his life to save mine. He was a brave, kind and compassionate person and it was an honor to know and work with him.

Celebrated for his long career performing in United Service Organizations (USO) shows to entertain active duty American military personnel (he made 57 tours for the USO between 1941 and 1991), Bob Hope was declared an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces in 1997 by act of the U.S. Congress.

Continuing his honorable work for military service people, the proceeds of the sale of Bob Hope's home will be going to fund local community organizations that help veterans and others in need. I believe that to be a noble cause, and appreciate Mr. Hope's vision to do good, even in death. As such, the home should be sold for as much money as possible.

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Sincerely,

Jerry Mathers  
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Valencia, CA 91355

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## Cultural Heritage Commission's Decision...

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**Caty van Houten-Williams** <catyvhw@icloud.com>  
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Sat, Feb 25, 2017 at 9:17 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to ask that you support the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to deny the designation of the property at 10350 Moorpark Street in Toluca Lake. I live at 19321 Friar St. Tarzana, CA 91335/6602 and I do not support the designation. Please record this email in Council File #16-1049.

Thank you,  
Dr. Caty van Houten-Williams, D.C.