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February 27, 2017

Los Angeles City Council
c/o zina.cheng@lacity.org


re: file #16-1049; historical designation for Bob Hope Property, 10346/10350 Moorpark, North Hollywood

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

Please be advised that as a neighbor and nearby home owner, I am strongly opposed to the suggestion that the Bob and Delores Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark, North Hollywood be designated as a historical landmark or be given in other related designation.

I urge you to follow the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission and deny inclusion of the Bob and Delores Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark into the list of Historical - Cultural Monuments.

Very truly yours,


Dianna J. Cusumano
3 Toluca Estates Drive
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Southern California

February 27, 2017

Councilmember David Ryu
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Room 425
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 16-1049 - Oppose

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

On behalf of Easterseals Southern California's Bob Hope Veterans Support Program I am writing to support The Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation's request that the City Council deny designation of historic status to the Hope Toluca Lake property as unanimously voted by The Cultural Heritage Commission.

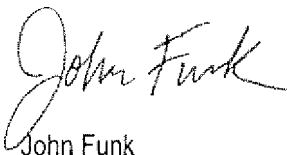
The Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation is a major funder of Easterseals veteran support program which provides one-on-one employment services to veterans in our local communities who are transitioning out of the military seeking civilian jobs. The Hope Foundation's support has helped Easterseals assist hundreds of veterans to find and keep work, return to school and to access other support services. As a result, veterans have the support they need to get meaningful jobs, to support their families, and to avoid homelessness or other challenges resulting from unemployment.

Any designation of the Toluca Lake property would devalue the property and go against the wishes of Bob and Dolores Hope, who wanted to see the properties sold and the proceeds benefit the most vulnerable in our community. The only thing designation would accomplish is taking funds away from the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and veterans; designation makes no sense.

As a grantee of the Foundation, we request that you not support the further restrictions or designation of the Toluca Lake property, so that the foundation can realize its full value for the benefit of those in need, as intended by the Hopes.

We are honored to partner with the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation and help in fulfilling what the Hopes wanted as their legacies – living legacies that help people in need.

Sincerely,

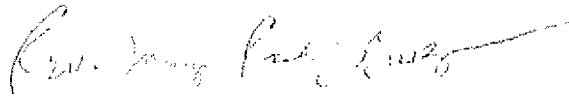


John Funk
Director
Bob Hope Veterans Support Program

Bob and Dolores Hope were, without a doubt, closely associated with Toluca Lake, not because they were Hollywood celebrities, but because they were like their Toluca Lake neighbors - private citizens with deep connections to faith, charity, and community. For them, like so many who make Toluca Lake and North Hollywood their homes, the Hopes' legacy is not found in their house, but rather in the good deeds that they can continue to promote once their time here on earth has ended.

As pastor, friend, and servant, I ask that you reverse your support for the designation of the Hope property. It would not be what Bob and Dolores Hope wanted, nor is it in the best interests of our community. Designation will certainly not help to fulfill the Hopes' commitment and wishes to serving the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Gallagher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Gallagher

Pastor

Regarding the Hope Property

1 message

Jennifer Ashe <flyingjenny@earthlink.net>
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Dear Council members,

I understand you are hearing arguments regarding the Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark Street on March 28th. I am a long time resident living at 10413 Bloomfield Street. I can see the back of the property from my front yard.

I am writing to ask that you support the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to deny the designation. I do not support the designation. Please record this email in Council File #16-1049.

Thank you,

Jennifer Ashe

Dolores and Bob Hope

1 message

Tony Cammarata <tony.cammarata@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 9:33 AM

To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Dear City Council Members:

I ask you to honor the Bob Hope Foundation's wishes for the Toluca Lake property and follow the requests of Linda Hope.

Best,

Tony Cammarata

COUNCIL FILE #16-1049

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 9:33 AM

HOPE ESTATE HEARING Re:Council File #16-1049.

I believe this potential action is a perverse misinterpretation of not only the law but of moral and ethical precepts.

Usurping the rights of private citizens is a dangerous precedent.

In death the Hopes, as private citizens, owe the community at large, fans and admirers, nothing more, no further form of entertainment or voyeurism into their intimate spaces.

The Hope family, as are we all, is entitled to a private life and to execute their dying wishes in a private way.

I cannot imagine that any one of us, no matter how well loved or respected or contributory in life, would wish to have our wills/trusts intervened by outsiders, for any reason whatsoever.

Any true and dedicated fan of this family would wish only to support, not steal from them, nor would they wish to reinterpret their wishes for some manufactured rationale.

If there are legitimate land use and density issues in the village of Toluca Lake, those need to be dealt with separately, apart from this attempted action, by the appropriate planning commission channels moving forward, not championed by those who would use scare tactics and half truths.

The saddest piece in all of this is, that in the meantime, those most in need of the Hope Foundation's support and generosity will suffer without it, as the funds from the Trust are gradually depleted by exorbitant maintenance costs and continued litigation.

I believe, should you attempt to take their real and financial properties from this family, upon possibly years of legal appeals that will follow, your actions will be reversed..... and personal, political and financial liability will fall in many directions.

It is my belief that the Hope estate is private property and thus an action to countermand their legal rights and wishes is, in essence, a polite form of theft. At the very least what is being said by this proposal is "We don't care what you want for yourselves, we want something different for you." To me this is the very definition of presumptive disrespect.

This issue deserves a quick and humane resolution.

Ellen Litwack
resident of Toluca Lake

Sent from my iPhone

Regarding Bob Hope

1 message

Gina Roland <ginarolandmua@gmail.com>
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM

Dear Ms Cheng:

I understand that the city has stepped in to try and take away those last charitable Bob Hope foundation wishes for the Toluca Lake property.

I also heard that they've recently stripped his name from the local airport.

As a citizen of Burbank, CA, I am not happy about either of these items, and I know than many others in he entertainment industry aren't either.

Please help the cause by voting appropriately - Please do not take from a man and family that has given so much to this country and planet.

Sincerely,
Gina Roland

Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation - Little Sisters of the Poor, San Pedro

1 message

Development Director - San Pedro <dvsanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 11:06 AM

To: Councilmember.Buscaino@lacity.org, Councilmember.Wesson@lacity.org, zina.Cheng@lacity.org

Cc: eric@ericshabsis.com, tmcosker@glaserweil.com, Mother Margaret Patricia <mssanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org>

Hi Councilmember Buscaino,

Thank you for taking my call and discussing the Hope Foundation and the Hope family home in Toluca Lake.

- **The Little Sisters of the Poor are beneficiaries of the Hope Foundation, and we support Linda Hope's request that the Hope house NOT BE DESIGNATED HISTORIC.**
- **The Sisters want ask you to vote NO on the designation.**
- **Historic designation would damage the value of the property, which would harm the foundation – WHICH WOULD HARM THE LITTLE SISTERS, and groups like the Little Sisters.**
- **Please find the attached letter asking you to vote NO on the Hope historic designation.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dolores Kollmer

Director of Development

Little Sisters of the Poor

2100 S. Western Ave.

San Pedro, CA 90732

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Letter for Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation.pdf

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February 24, 2017

The Honorable Joe Buscaino
Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 15
Los Angeles City Hall, Room 410
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Buscaino,

As a longtime recipient of Dolores Hope's generosity, and subsequently the continued generosity of the Hope charitable foundation, Little Sisters of the Poor San Pedro and those we serve request that you join us in supporting the Hope family and its foundation in opposition to the historic designation of the Bob and Dolores Hope property in Toluca Lake.

The Hopes were incredibly generous and charitable; they cared deeply about the poor and underserved. They gave much during their lives, and planned to give after their deaths, through the Hope Foundation, which funded from the sale of the properties they owned.

Linda Hope and the trustees of the Foundation have been true to the wishes of Bob and Dolores Hope, and are seeking to sell their Toluca Lake home at the highest value. A historic designation will devalue that property by millions of dollars, which will impact future grants that the Foundation makes to organizations like ours, all of which help the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and our veterans.

As a partner of the Foundation's charity, we are appreciative of the support we receive, that began so many years ago when Dolores Hope was personally supportive of our work. We stand with the Foundation and the Hope family in opposing the designation of the property. We urge you, our Councilmember, to join us and ask that you vote to help the underserved on Tuesday, when the designation comes to City Council.

Again, a designation does not do the public any good. Rather it hurts those who can least afford to be hurt - the poor, the needy, and our vets. Please stand with them and with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dolores Kollmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dolores Kollmer
Director of Development
Little Sisters of the Poor
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310-548-0625 ex 212
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cc: Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

Fwd: Bob Hope's House -- CF 16-1049 oppose

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Georgiana Rodrigues <ronadoc@yahoo.com>
Subject: Bob Hope's House
Date: February 25, 2017 at 10:23:19 PM PST
To: "avid.ryu@lacity.org" <avid.ryu@lacity.org>, "Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>
Cc: "eric@ericshabsis.com" <eric@ericshabsis.com>
Reply-To: Georgiana Rodrigues <ronadoc@yahoo.com>

To Whom it May Concern:

I urge you to support the Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation not to deem Bob Hope's home historic. 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. I applaud designating the funds from the sale of the house to go to our veterans and the poor.

I don't believe there is a question here as to what the right course of action is.

Sincerely,

ROSE MARIE

Fwd: Dolores and Bob Hope's Toluca Lake House -- oppose 16-1049

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Residual Ranch <residual@pacbell.net>
Subject: Dolores and Bob Hope's Toluca Lake House
Date: February 25, 2017 at 10:11:24 PM PST
To: "David.ryu@lacity.org" <David.ryu@lacity.org>, "Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "Zina.chang@lacity.org" <Zina.chang@lacity.org>
Cc: "eric@ericshabsis.com" <eric@ericshabsis.com>
Reply-To: Residual Ranch <residual@pacbell.net>

To Whom it May Concern:

I cannot believe this is turning into an issue. When Linda Hope's mother passed away she left a mandate that the proceeds from the sale of their house were to go to feed, and help those in need, with a special emphasis on our veterans. The fact that Councilman Ryu has stated it doesn't matter what they wanted, is appalling to say the very least. Please tell me what good it would do to make the Hope property a historic monument? Despite the fact that both Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Toluca Lake Home Owners Association voted "NO RECOMMENDATION." Despite the fact that the house has been declared by The Cultural Heritage Commission, as a structure that has no architectural historic significance. Despite the lack of significant support from the Toluca Lake community and its influential representative organizations, it seems Councilman Rue is pushing his own personal agenda for a property he hasn't even seen. Again, outrageous.

Why would you not support monies going to our veterans? To what end would making this home a historical monument do? Was it not recently stated in the news that Bob Hope's name would be taken off the Burbank Airport because there is a generation that literally doesn't know who Bob Hope was and it would be better to just call it Burbank! Are they expecting to sell tickets to see the house? Where is the mind set here? Let the daughter sell the home, and help our veterans. There is no question what is right here.

Sincerely,

Georgiana and Steve Rodrigues



Eric Shabsis

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CF16-1049 Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

1 message

totofans@yahoo.com <totofans@yahoo.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:40 PM

Reply-To: "totofans@yahoo.com" <totofans@yahoo.com>

To: "david.ryu@lacity.org" <david.ryu@lacity.org>

Cc: "Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "Zina.cheng@lacity.org" <Zina.cheng@lacity.org>, "eric@ericshabsis.com" <eric@ericshabsis.com>

Dear Councilmembers and Councilman Ryu,

As a resident of Burbank/Toluca Lake I am writing in opposition to any actions to designate the home of Bob and Delores Hope as historic.

Mr Ryu, this will not be a feather in your cap. You are going against the wishes of this beloved couple. You can honor their contributions to our neighborhood and country by HONORING THEIR WISHES.

Mr. Hope was an American Icon who we and You can honor better by allowing his estate to be sold and the funds used per both Mr. and Mrs. Hopes wishes to help those in need. The Hope charitable foundation will be able to help our nation's veterans.

Again, I think this is a much better way to honor them. Stop thinking of yourself Mr Ryu.

The Bob and Delores Hope family, The neighbors and The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood City Council, the Toluca Lake Chamber of Commerce

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Council File #16-1049

1 message

Andrew Lande <visurreal@sbcglobal.net>
To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:54 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 10346 Moorpark Street in Toluca Lake. I have lived in Toluca Lake for nearly 40 years and currently reside at 5030 Strohm Avenue and I do not support the designation. Please record this email in Council File #16-1049.

Respectfully,

Andrew Lande
5030 Strohm Avenue
Toluca Woods, CA 91601
visurreal@sbcglobal.net

FW: Historic Designation of the Bob Hope Home

1 message

Chad Hartman <chartman@uso.org>
To: "nicholas.greif@lacity.org" <nicholas.greif@lacity.org>
Cc: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 1:33 PM

Mr. Greif,

Thank you for your inquiry as to whether the USO would like to submit a letter of support for the designation of the Bob Hope estate. We would like to submit a letter, however we do not need your template because our organization opposes the designation of the Bob Hope estate. Please find the attached letter for your file.

Warmly,

Chad

Chad Hartman

Vice President of Development



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The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.

From: Nicholas Greif [mailto:nicholas.greif@lacity.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:03 PM

To: usopr <usopr@uso.org>

Subject: Historic Designation of the Bob Hope Home

USO PR,

Next Tuesday, 2/28, the Los Angeles City Council will be considering whether or not to designate the home of Bob Hope as a historic cultural landmark. Considering Bob Hope's long and historic history with the USO, our office (which represents the Toluca Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles, where the home is located) would like to know if the USO would like to submit a letter of support for the designation.


If so, we could provide a template letter to simplify the process.

Best,

Nick Greif

Nicholas Greif
Director of Policy & Legislation
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www.davidryu.lacity.org



 **Bob Hope Estate Letter.pdf**
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February 27, 2017

The Honorable David Ryu
Council District Four
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Thank you for reaching out to the USO regarding the Bob Hope Estate designation. For years, the Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation has been an unwavering and strong supporter of the USO and the active duty service members and their families. Bob and Dolores Hope connected millions of troops to the things they held most dear – home, family and country.

Therefore, the USO requests that a designation not be made on this property. Further restrictions on the property would hinder the Foundation and I do not support such an action. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad M. Hartman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Chad M. Hartman
Vice President, Development

Hope Property

1 message

Matthewmidgett@aol.com <Matthewmidgett@aol.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 2:06 PM

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

Cc: eric@ericshabsis.com

Honorable Council Member Ryu,

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 the property. I urge you support the express wishes of the Hopes and what they envisioned as a living legacy to Bob Hope through charity. The historic designation of the Bob and Dolores Hope Residence would minimize money available for charities through the Foundation, which is the sole beneficiary of the sale of the home. Please oppose any effort to designate the Hope home as historic.

Sincerely,

Matthew Midgett

Followed Dream Ranch

186 Cherry Creek Road

Nogal, New Mexico 88341

(no subject)

1 message

Charlie Cusumano <cbc@cusumanogroup.com>
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 3:46 PM

February 27, 2017

Los Angeles City Council

c/o zina.cheng@lacity.org

re: file #16-1049; historical designation for Bob Hope Property, 10346/10350 Moorpark, North Hollywood

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

Please be advised that as a neighbor and nearby home owner, I am strongly opposed to the suggestion that the Bob and Delores Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark, North Hollywood be designated as a historical landmark or be given in other related designation. The home is currently a substandard home for the parcel of land that is sits on and is in a state of disrepair. I don't see the public benefit to this designation only the decrease in property to the Hope Foundation who by way strongly oppose this action.

I urge you to follow the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission and deny inclusion of the Bob and Delores Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark into the list of Historical - Cultural Monuments.

Very truly yours,

Charles Cusumano

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Charles B. Cusumano

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Fwd: Bob & Dolores Hope Property -- CF 16-1049

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 4:17 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Chase <chase@televisionacademy.com>
Subject: FW: Bob & Dolores Hope Property
Date: February 27, 2017 at 4:10:59 PM PST
To: "David.ryu@lacity.org" <David.ryu@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "zina.chang@lacity.org" <zina.chang@lacity.org>
Cc: "eric@ericshabsis.com" <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,

Barbara Chase

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Academy

Barbara Chase
Senior Director, Event Production
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CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

1 message

Kathy Brown <admin@rosemaryclooney.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 5:38 PM

To: david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, zina.cheng@lacity.org

Cc: eric@ericshabsis.com

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

As a resident of the world which was blessed by the talent and generosity of Bob and Dolores Hope, I'm writing to implore you to not interfere with their last wishes. Bob and Dolores were by definition public servants though they were never elected to public office. They spent their lives in service to our men and women in uniform, using their talent and resources to improve their lives, while also seeking to raise up those struggling in our society. They gave to their community and the world and asked nothing in return except that their legacy be a living one which would continue their philanthropic work on behalf of our veterans and homeless populations.

Your efforts to designate their home historic is misguided and serves no worthwhile purpose, and instead has the unintended consequence of reducing the funds available to carry on their life's work of helping those in need.

While your intent may stem from noble intentions, it's result will be anything but noble. To subvert this American Icon's HOPE for his and his wife's legacy is an affront to all who loved them and would benefit from their ongoing generosity. It's also affront to everyone who leaves a Last Will & Testament believing that it will be honored.

Honoring Bob and Dolores Hope will be done when a vet is helped to secure a job, a homeless person moves into an apartment, and the hungry are fed. Please abandon your effort and allow Bob and Dolores' family to carry out their wishes without the burden of this historical designation which you seek.

Sincerely,

Kathy R. Brown
Ligonier, PA

Bob Hope's Legacy

1 message

David Minasian <dminasian12@yahoo.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 5:46 PM

To: zina.cheng@lacity.org

I am writing to protest the Burbank City Councils plan to deny the Hope family the legacy that Mr. Bob Hope left and his wishes for the Toluca Lake property to be disbursed for charitable purposes. What are you trying to do to the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Hope? This is an outrage and disgrace that the council would interfere with Bob Hope's wishes, an iconic figure, a man who has done so much for this country and the City of Burbank.

I urge you to allow the Hope family to do as they please with their property and fulfil the wishes of this great man.

David Minasian

Bob Hope House

1 message

matt Cusumano <m.cusumano@hotmail.com>
To: "zina.cheng@lacity.org" <zina.cheng@lacity.org>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 6:04 PM

February 27, 2017

Los Angeles City Council
c/o zina.cheng@lacity.org

re: file #16-1049; historical designation for Bob Hope Property, 10346/10350 Moorpark, North Hollywood

Dear Los Angeles City Council:

As a very concerned Toluca Lake home owner, I deeply oppose the idea of designating the Bob and Delores Hope property at 10350 Moorpark as a historical landmark, or any other property use limiting designation.

I grew up at 4645 Ledge Avenue in Toluca Lake, and currently live at 3 Toluca Estates, in Toluca Lake.

As a 44 year resident, I can say with authority, the Hope property has never had any historical, or cultural significance in this neighborhood. The property has always been maintained so you cannot see any architecture, or dwellings from the street, nor can you see the yard or landscaping. Frankly, it's been and remains, an eyesore.

The outward appearance of the property can best be described as an ill appearing, ivy covered wall. It's a visually foreboding estate, sequestered from view by creeping vines and hedges.

We would prefer to see the site set back to allow street widening on ledge street, which would make the intersection of Ledge and Moorpark safer. The lot should be split up into perhaps 5 conforming 1 acre lots, which would allow for 5 conforming homes to be built, with code compliant fencing and set backs. This would open up the appearance from the street, and certainly improve the ascetics of the neighborhood.

Do us all a favor and don't sentence us to have to endure the Hope abomination any longer than we have to.

If the Cultural Heritage Commission, or other civic groups feel the need to honor the memory of Bob Hope, please don't do it at the expense of Toluca Lake residents. I understand the sentimental urge to preserve the residence by those who live in other parts of town, but don't make us residents pay for mis-placed sentimentality.

I urge you to follow the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission and deny inclusion of the Bob and Delores Hope Property at 10350 Moorpark into the list of Historical - Cultural Monuments.

Very truly yours,

Matthew Cusumano
3 Toluca Estates
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818-303-4678

Bob Hope

1 message

Milt P Larsen <miltlarsen1@me.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 7:01 PM

To: David.ryu@lacity.org

Cc: Councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, Zina.cheng@lacity.org, eric@ericshabsis.com, Harlan@bhbpr.com

- > Dear Councilmember Ryh,
- > I believe I can speak for the 5,000 members of Hollywood'
- > Academy of Magical Arts and as the founder of the Magic Castle
- > in asking you to oppose the designation of the Hope Family
- > Toluca Lake property as a historical monument.
- > 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 getting the Variety Arts building in L.A.
- > on the National Registry and creating The Magic Castle.
- > (Landmark #204 (It was this month's #14 in a list of L.A.'s
- > Wonderful Architectural Landmarks.) Such honors are
- > welcome, however they significantly diminish the worth
- > of a family property and, in this case, the worth of one
- > of our most generous foundations.
- > Bob Hope bought property in Burbank in Toluca Lake in the 30's ,
- > and had the vision for the Valley. His amazing contributions to the U.S.O. and the
- > veterans and the millions of people that needed help are well documented.
- > 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 Dolores' wishes must result of
- > the Council's™ NO vote in this matter.
- > Let us thank Bob, Dolores and Linda in singing
- > "Thanks for the Memories."
- >
- >
- > With respect, Milt Larsen
- >
- > Milt Larsen
- > President Magic Castles Inc.
- > 7001 Franklin Avenue
- > Hollywood CA 90028
- > 323-851-3443
- >

CF 16-1049 Oppose hope designation

1 message

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

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 7:50 PM

Begin forwarded message:

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> Dear Councilman David Ryu:
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> As a long time neighbor and fan of Bob Hope and his family,
> I believe we must not impose our wishes on the family.
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> Thank you. JoAnne Worley
> Toluca Lake
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CF 16-1049 - Oppose Historic Designation of the Hope Property

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Tony Hoover <tony@redlinetours.com>

Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 9:25 PM

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

Dear Councilmember Ryu,

I am a resident and business owner in Hollywood. I am writing to oppose possible actions to designate the home of Bob and Dolores Hope as historic. As a proponent of historic preservation I understand the thought behind landmarking the home, but in this case it is unnecessary and will have serious negative consequences and create deep emotional scars.

Bob and Delores spent considerable time contemplating the legacy of their estate. Designating their home as a landmark was not what either of them wanted and it is not supported by the community or their surviving family members.

As you know Bob devoted his entire life to veterans. He did not want the legacy of his estate to be a material asset. Bob was a benevolent man and wanted the materialistic value of his estate to help veterans. The right thing to do would be to honor his and Delores wishes.

Please do not continue this effort to landmark the Hope home against the wishes of Bob and Dolores Hope and their surviving family.

Sincerely,

Tony Hoover, COO

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