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### **PATRIOTIC HALL TO BE NAMED COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK**

*Board directs MVA to pursue federal designation*

LOS ANGELES, CA – In a recent motion, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced that Bob Hope Patriotic Hall would be designated a county historic landmark and also directed the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) to nominate the building for listing with the National Register of Historic Places.

Patriotic Hall was previously listed as a California Point of Historical Interest in 1976 and in 1982 was determined eligible for listing in the National Register while also being listed with the California Register of Historical Resources “for serving as a war memorial and as an excellent example of Italian Renaissance Revival architecture.”

The 10-story, 85,000-square foot property was constructed in 1926 to provide “social and medical services” to veterans in addition to serving as a memorial to them and their service. In addition to county and non-profit tenants providing services to veterans and their families, today the building is also a museum with uniforms and artifacts dating back to the Civil War.

“Designating this space as a historic landmark is a testament not only to the sacrifices of the past but also to the service of the present as we strive to serve today’s veterans while honoring their predecessors,” said MVA Director Jim Zenner. “We are deeply grateful to Supervisors Solis and Horvath for sponsoring this thoughtful and timely motion as we approach our centennial.”

As the county department charged with veterans affairs, MVA also administers every aspect of the building’s operations. 2026 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its completion.

“Designating the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall on the National Register of Historic Places and the County Register as a County Landmark will properly honor this historic and majestic structure, establish it as a permanent monument to the sacrifice of the veterans who died in service to our nation, as well as preserve it as a dedicated space where veterans in Los Angeles County can gather in fellowship and remembrance,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, who represents the First District.

Administered by the National Park Service and authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register of Historic Places contains more than 98,000 properties and is designed to “coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archaeological resources.” Additionally, listing in the National Register completes the first step towards establishing eligibility for federal preservation



tax credits.<sup>1</sup>

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*The LA County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) provides assistance to L.A. County veterans, active service members and their families with resources, programs, services and state and federal benefits, including: compensation and pension claims, burial benefits and services, medical and mental health referral, education and vocational rehabilitation, home loans and grant applications, employment and job placement assistance, DMV veteran designation, legal service referrals, appeal processes, programs for incarcerated veterans, as well as aid and attendance.*

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

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