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## Community Voices

### Guest Editorial - in Support of Lili Bosse, Candidate for Beverly Hills City Council - Election Day March 3, 2020

#### Values/Character

Notwithstanding our shared coarsened culture and its politics, for too many, as a crude amoral enterprise whose sole purpose is the acquisition of raw power, there still remain virtuous individuals who graciously and selflessly engage in public service. Lili Bosse is such an invaluable soul.

In my judgment, the measure of a political leader is not simply exacting blanket agreement with her "bill of particulars" listing her policy choices. No worthy leader seeks or expects homogeneity of opinion. It is not the "echo chamber" she expects but robust debate that arouses the passions of moral leadership.

Lili Bosse's character and values were formulated, in large measure, by the end result of her parents' war-time experiences. Her parents were survivors - her mother, Rose, endured the inhumane horrors of Auschwitz, and her father, Jacob Toren, in the cruelty of the Russian Gulags. The rest of her family were executed by the "Wehrmacht Assassins" of Nazi Germany.

After the war, her parents met in Israel and moved on to Queens, New York City.

Lili spent her first nine years in Queens before her mom and dad moved to Beverly Hills.

Tempered by war and disciplined by unbearable sorrow, her parents believed that in America they would be afforded a most fruitful life. They instilled in Lili that the iconic language of the Declaration of Independence had substantial historical significance most applicable to them, to wit: the belief that the inalienable rights of all people come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.

It became clear to Lili that the art of politics was not about POWER but the application of popular consent derived from the governed.

She believed aspirationally that with hard work, preparation and rock solid, iron clad integrity, she could achieve the American Dream.

Prior to election to the City Council, Lili served as the leader of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation - the major private contributor to our schools. Her commitment to charitable giving is noted in her family's well-respected philanthropy.

Lili had also served on the Traffic and Parking Commission and Planning Commission.

She has been a major guardian of the rights of our residents and business community. She has always deemed our community as an extension of family.

She is most certainly not someone who is for sale. Her soul is intact and is non-negotiable! She has done, and always will, continue to do what is right and best for our city.

#### Vision

As long as our city is able to remain a major viable commercially thriving entity, it will be able to function as a truly exciting independent municipality. Lili recognizes that commercial competition from Century City's almost one billion dollar upscale must be confronted. She has long held to the position that "smart development" that does not intrude upon or adversely impact the integrity of our residential neighborhood, is essential to maintaining our city's top quality commercial development.

An important part of her commercial vision designed to outpace our commercial competitors is for Beverly Hills to create "destination" commercial entities that will attract national, European and Asian tourism. The concept will require state-of-the-art facilities and send a message to our competitors that Beverly Hills is number one and expects to stay that way.

It must be noted that with respect to safeguarding our residential neighborhood's integrity, recently, Lili has saved the right of our home-owners to park in front of their homes which, believe it or not, was in jeopardy by an ill-advised compliant bureaucracy.

I have known Lili for many years. She has served our city with distinction for decades. In many respects, based upon her personal history, and all of her efforts on our behalf, she has and still represents the "Pride" and "Conscience" of Beverly Hills.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
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