

**From:** [Elliott Sernel](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:37:24 AM

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I ask that you please vote yes to advance this important designation.

Sincerely,  
Elliott Sernel  
Palm Springs, CA

**From:** [Rick Sparks](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:10:17 AM

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Sincerely,  
Rick Sparks  
Toluca Lake, CA

**From:** [Judith Mayer](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:51:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors Melgar, Preston, and Peskin,

I hope that you will vote to designate the Lyon-Martin house as a San Francisco Historic Landmark. Although I have left San Francisco after living in the City for many years, my Lesbian heart will always remain in San Francisco .

Ms Lyon and Ms Martin were heroes, and the significance of their lives and persistent work were directly responsible for my good life in San Francisco, and my happiness as a married open lesbian since then. When I return to San Francisco, the notable landmarks of LGBTQ life there are crucial points of reference. It's more than a bronze plaque. It's honor for the City and its heroes!

I ask that you please vote yes to advance this important designation.

Sincerely,  
Judith Mayer  
Arcata, CA

**From:** [Ginger Weatherford](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:33:50 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ginger Weatherford  
San Diego, CA

**From:** [Jim Salyards](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Jim Salyards  
Woodside, CA

**From:** [Donna Williams](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:33:39 PM

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Sincerely,  
Donna Williams  
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** [Mari Matsumoto](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:24:36 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mari Matsumoto  
Alameda, CA

**From:** [Rondi Saslow](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:00:41 AM

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Sincerely,  
Rondi Saslow  
Oakland, CA



**From:** [Beth Stein](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 7:48:33 AM

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Sincerely,  
Beth Stein  
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** [Kelley McDowell](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 7:45:26 AM

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Sincerely,  
Kelley McDowell  
Colusa, CA

**From:** [Fjaere Nilssen-Mooney](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
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Sincerely,  
Fjaere Nilssen-Mooney  
North Hollywood, CA

**From:** [Michael Rice](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:58:09 AM

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Michael and Jane Rice

Sincerely,  
Michael Rice  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Julia Rocchi](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:34:10 AM

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Washington, DC