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**Council File Number**

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**Title**

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY / WEST LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE CENTER

**Subject**

Resolution - The Veterans Administration Property in West Los Angeles has served the needs and interests of veterans for over 100 years. Soldiers returning from all of the last century's wars, from World War I to the Gulf War, have found a center for medical treatment as well as refuge for transition from the horrors of the battlefield to the norms of civilian life. Indeed, the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration (VA) property is hallowed ground to veterans and their supporters. In January of this year, the Department of Veterans Affairs initiated a process that led to the creation of what the Veterans Administration calls a "Plan for the Development of a 25-Year General Use Plan" for the Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Healthcare Center. A committee was formed to oversee the drafting of the Plan, yet it excluded representation from local and state government, as well as broad-based community representatives. While the draft Plan has not yet been released, statements by the Veterans Administration representatives have provided some information. Not only is the secretive and unreasonably rushed manner by which this Plan was created disturbing, but the plan's recommendations are equally appalling. The Plan calls for over 5 million square feet of additional development, 80% of which is likely to be private commercial development labeled "enhanced uses" by the Veterans Administration. Such exploitation of this property not only neglects the needs of the veterans who hope to see the property utilized for direct services, but it also threatens to inundate the surrounding West Los Angeles region with traffic and other environmental impacts that cannot be sustained. The Plan may also be deficient in its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Despite the vast scale of development proposed, no Environmental Impact Statement has been included. This is in stark contrast to the General Management Plan recently proposed by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, which calls for a minuscule amount of development and yet was accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The failure of the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement a reasonable and rational approach to such a Plan, as well as involve the interested community members in the creation of the Plan, including elected representatives, and the failure of the Veterans Administration to fully disclose the Plan's impacts through an Environmental Impact Statement, demonstrate an unprecedented callousness and hubris by ignoring the public's interest. THEREFORE MOVE THAT, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles by resolution hereby express its opposition to the appropriate agencies about any proposal of a plan upwards of 7,000,000 square feet for which no environmental review has been made available, no interaction and no input from appropriate City, County or State agencies has been allowed. FURTHER, the City Council should send a letter to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Waxman urging them to abandon the draft Plan and start the process over with highest level of public involvement, including the participation of representatives from the City and County of Los Angeles, the state of California, University California Los Angeles (UCLA) and community organizations. FURTHER, the letter should also state the Council's recommendation that the Plan maximize the preservation of the property's open spaces, allow only that development necessary to provide direct veterans services, and preclude future commercial development, and; FURTHER, that the City Council send a letter to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Waxman, requesting that they carry legislation to amend the Cranston Act (Public Law 100-322) to extend its provisions to the entire 400-acre West Los Angeles Veterans Administration (VA) property.

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05/11/2026 Community Impact Statement submitted by North Westwood Neighborhood Council.

**Archive History**

7-13-01 - This days Council session

7-13-01 - File to Calendar Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda

7-20-01 - Resolution ADOPTED

7-23-01 - File to Mayor FORTHWITH

8-2-01 - Mayor's message concurred in action of July 20, 2001

8-3-01 - File to Calendar Clerk

8-8-01 - File in files

9-19-01 - This days Council session - Resolution - Miscikowski Mover 2001 / Weiss - WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have been adopted in form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration Property in West Los Angeles has served the needs and interests of veterans for more than 100 years. Soldiers returning from all of the last century's wars and before, from the Civil War to the Gulf War, have found a center for rest, medical treatment and a place to spend their last days. It is appropriate, therefore, that the Veterans Administration of Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Center has applied to the Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs to be the next site chosen for a California State Veterans' Home.

WHEREAS, the Greater Los Angeles area is home to approximately 800,000 veterans, in addition to those living in surrounding counties. As our veterans, who served this country so loyally, increase in age, the Veterans Administration installations in all jurisdictions must address their long-term health and housing needs. The West Los Angeles site, already fully supported by a hospital, well-trained medical staff and access to complete medical care, is the perfect location for such a facility in the Southern California area.

WHEREAS, this use is not only necessary for the long-term well-being and care of our veterans, but it fits perfectly with the original intentions of the family who bequeathed these several hundred acres to what has now become the Veterans Administration, well over 100 years ago. The gift of this land was made with the sole intent that it be used as an "old soldiers home," where those who fought in the Civil War and later battles, as well as our standing armed forces, would be guaranteed a safe and comfortable place to spend their remaining days.

WHEREAS, for all the above-enumerated reasons, this State Home would be a perfect match for the West Los Angeles Veterans property and for the surrounding community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby express its support for the Veterans Administration of Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Centers' application to the Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs to be the next site chosen for a California State Veteran's Home.

9-19-01 - File to Calendar Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda

9-26-01 - Resolution ADOPTED

10-1-01 - File to Mayor

10-2-01 - Mayor's message concurred in action of September 26, 2001

10-9-01 - File to Calendar Clerk

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1-25-02 - Transmittal from Department of Veterans Affairs relative to State Home Program for fiscal year 2002

1-25-02 - File in files