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URGENT: SAVE THE SOLDIERS' HOME TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES

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To whom it may concern,

Los Angeles is the Nation's Capital of Veteran homelessness and suicide. I am sending you this email to bring your immediate attention to a series of critical issues affecting the National Soldiers' Home wherein the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center is located.

The National Soldiers' Home is deed-restricted over 900 acres of Federal land donated in 1888 to be nothing but a HOME for disabled and homeless Veterans.

The points outlined below reflect the people's deep concern and urgent call to action:

1. ENFORCE the deed-restricted land use mandates accepted and agreed to by the Federal government, specifically for the federal U.S. government to permanently maintain the land as a Home for disabled, homeless, and unemployed Veterans.
2. ENFORCE the "Valentini v. Shinseki" Federal Court Order to evict the third party land users off the National Soldiers' Home.
3. CEASE OPERATION of HUD-VASH program at the National Soldiers' Home because that program is for private landlords in the community, whereas Congress has appropriated and Taxpayers have already funded the Department of Veteran Affairs to develop and operate the housing programs in accordance with the DEEDS for over 136 years.
4. RESTORE Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organizations longstanding advocacy resolving against the illegal land use at the National Soldiers' Home that is causing Veteran Homelessness.
5. RESUME enforcement, investigation, and prosecution of criminal violations of Federal Law at the National Soldiers' Home.

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In support of these points, I advocate for a Congressional Inquiry to review these demands and declarations to ensure justice and proper care for our Veterans. Your attention is urgently needed.

Thank you for your consideration to this pressing matter. We look forward to your swift action to rectify these injustices.

Sincerely,

A concerned constituent asking you to Save the Soldiers' Home

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