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In Reply Refer To:

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Dear Mr. Carey:

The Secretary asked me to reply to your letter and the September 19, 2001, Los Angeles City Council Resolution regarding a potential State Veterans Home on the property of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in West Los Angeles.

The VA is pleased that the State of California is considering opportunities in order to construct additional facilities to care for California veterans. It is the responsibility of the State to determine the most appropriate location for any new state owned and operated facility.

When the State of California identifies a new location and requests Federal construction grant assistance, VA will work closely with the State to help them meet all Federal grant requirements. In this partnership program, VA may also share up to 65 percent in the cost to build a new or renovate an existing facility. I have enclosed a fact sheet concerning this important program that will answer many of the commonly asked questions.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and request that you share this response with Council Members Cindy Miscikowski and Jack Weiss. Should you or your staff have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Frank Salvas, Chief, State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program at 202-273-8536.

Sincerely yours,

Marsha Goodwin, RN, MSN
Acting Chief Consultant
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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)
STATE HOME PROGRAM
FY 2002
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. What is a State Home?

The term "State home" means a home established by a State for veterans disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, who by reason of such disability are incapable of earning a living. A State home may provide nursing home care, domiciliary care or hospital care in combination with another level of care. Hospital care may be provided only when the State home also provides domiciliary and/or nursing home care.

2. Can a State Home furnish more than one level of care?

Yes. A State home may furnish domiciliary, nursing home and hospital levels of care, as well as adult day health care. A home that furnishes more than one level of care must provide such care in clearly designated areas within the home, so that the levels of care are not intermingled.

3. Who establishes a State Home?

The establishment, location, control and administration of a State Home is the responsibility of the State which it serves.

4. How is a State Home established?

Generally, veterans' service organizations and interested State officials encourage the State legislature to enact legislation for establishment of a State veterans home and to appropriate funds for its construction and operation. States must assure that state operational funds are available to support quality of care in each level of care provided.

5. What assistance from VA is available in the establishment of a State Home?

a. VA will provide guidance and consult with representatives of the State to ensure that the facility will meet regulations for VA recognition and Federal aid payments under provision of Title 38 USC 1741.

b. VA cannot participate in the cost of land.

6. Can a building in an existing State facility be approved as a State Home?

A building or buildings in an existing facility may qualify, provided that they are established and operated as a separate entity (State Home). It is permissible to purchase services, i.e., dietetic, engineering, laundry, and professional care from an existing facility. Purchased or contract services must meet the standards for each level of care.

7. Can a facility providing only hospital care be recognized by VA as a State Home?

No. A State home must provide domiciliary and/or nursing home care for veterans.

8. What are the veteran admission requirements to a State home?

- a. Admission requirements are determined by the State.
- b. Veteran and non-veteran eligibility requirements are provided in laws and regulations.
- c. As a condition of receiving per diem payments, the State must submit two forms to the VA Medical Center of jurisdiction for each veteran as follows: a) VA Form 10-10EZ – Application for Health Benefits and b) VA Form 10-10SH – State Home Program Application for Care, Medical Certification. These forms are available on the web as follows: <http://vawww.va.gov/forms/medical/searchlist.asp> .
- d. The veteran eligibility for per diem payments is determined and authorized by the VA Medical Center of jurisdiction. A VA physician reviews and authorizes the level of care. By using social security numbers, VA will track per diem payments for each eligible veteran.

9. How does VA assure Congress that State Veterans Homes provide quality care?

The Under Secretary for Health assigns a VA Medical Center of jurisdiction for each State Veterans Home (SVH). Once assigned, the Medical Center Director appoints an interdisciplinary team from among the staff. This team is charged with the ongoing monitoring of quality. This includes conducting an initial recognition survey, performing annual inspections, and communicating with the SVH about all quality concerns that arise between scheduled reviews.

For each facility recognized as a SVH, the Director of the VA Medical Center of jurisdiction annually certifies whether the facility management met or did not meet the standards of the SVH Program. The State home is required to meet the minimum standards in order to continue to receive per diem payments.

10. Does a State hospital or State nursing home require a State license?

Yes, the hospital facility shall be licensed as a long-term or acute care hospital by the State, and shall comply with Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations for hospital care.

The nursing home facility shall be licensed as a skilled nursing home by the State and shall comply with Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations for skilled nursing home care.

11. What Federal funds are available to a State for the operation of a State Home?

a. Domiciliary Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$24.40 per day (FY 2002 rate).

b. Nursing Home Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$53.17 per day (FY 2002 rate).

c. Hospital Care - up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$53.17 per day (FY 2002 rate).

d. Adult Day Health Care – up to one-half of the cost of care not to exceed \$34.64 per day (FY 2002 rate).

e. At the time of the construction grant award, a State is required to sign a memorandum of agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that require a State to provide financial support for the entire cost of maintenance and operation of a State Veterans Home.

12. Can the State assess or charge veterans for the cost of their care?

Yes. The State-operated facility may establish a maintenance charge system and collect from the pension, compensation, or other income of veterans.

This does not remove the State's responsibility for appropriating operating funds that will keep the home in compliance with VA standards.

13. Is there a limit on the amount collected from veterans?

No. However, this does not remove the State's responsibility for appropriating operational funds that will support the cost of maintenance of the building and operation of the home.

14. If a veteran in a State home requires hospitalization in a VA facility, can VA continue per diem payments?

No. VA per diem payments are not paid if a veteran in a State home is transferred to a VA medical center for hospital care or to a non-VA hospital at VA expense.

*Provision - VA per diem payments are continued up to 96 hours for a veteran transferred from a State home to a hospital at non-VA expense.

15. Can VA participate with States in the construction or acquisition of State Home facilities?

a. Yes. Under Title 38 USC 8131-8137, VA is authorized to participate in up to 65 percent (65%) of the cost of acquisition and/or construction of new domiciliary or nursing home buildings, and/or the expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing domiciliary, nursing or adult day health care buildings, provided VA standards and regulations are met. Acquisition and/or renovation costs of an existing building may not exceed the cost of construction of an equivalent new facility.

b. Such cost may include architect fees, supervision, inspection, cost of final audit, and initial equipment, which is not included in the construction contract and may not exceed 10 percent (10%) of the cost of construction.

c. VA may not participate in projects for maintenance and repair except, as they are involved inextricably in remodeling projects.

16. Can VA reimburse a State for the Federal share of completed construction projects? What are the conditions?

Yes, provided VA receives an initial application/application and approves all bid documents (drawings and specifications) before construction begins or early in the construction phase.

17. How can a State obtain VA regulations, instructions and application forms for construction projects?

Write to: Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended
Care Strategic Healthcare Group (114)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Other sources for obtaining current updates of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

- (1) On the Internet at <http://www.gpo.gov>; or
- (2) Directly from the United States Government Bookstore
1510 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
Tel. (202) 653-5075; FAX (202) 376-5055

18. Is there a limit on the number of beds that can be constructed with VA participation?

Yes. The total nursing home and domiciliary care beds may not exceed the limits established in 38CFR Part 59.

19. Who is responsible for construction projects?

The State is primarily responsible.

The State employs an architect and submits plans for review and approval by VA prior to awarding the contract. After a construction grant is awarded and during construction, which is supervised by the State, reimbursement claims may be submitted to VA for payment based on incurred costs.

20. May other than veterans occupy facilities constructed under Title 38 USC 8131-8137?

Yes. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the bed occupants at any one time may be veteran-related family members, i.e., spouses, surviving spouses, and/or gold star parents who are not entitled to payment of VA aid. When a State Home accepts grant assistance for a construction project, 75 percent (75%) of the bed occupants at the facility must be veterans.

21. How are construction grants awarded?

VA establishes a priority list of applications as of August 15 each year for funding the next fiscal year beginning October 1. After the appropriation for the construction grant program, projects are funded in the order of priority on the list until Federal funds are spent.

22. What is the first priority on the August 15 list?

First priority is accorded to feasible applications which States have provided sufficient State funds so that the project may proceed upon award of the grant without further State action being required to make such funds available. The first priority is further prioritized as (1) Remedies for life/safety; (2) States without a construction grant for a nursing home; (3) Great need for beds in a State; (4) Renovation other than (1); (5) Significant need for beds in a State; and (6) Limited need for beds in a State.

23. Is there a deadline for consideration for the August 15 priority list?

Yes. The initial application must be received by April 15. Application must be received by August 15.

24. What are sufficient funds for purposes of being ranked in priority one? Are there other requirements for being ranked in priority one?

"Sufficient" funds are the State's 35 percent (35%) matching share. These funds must be available and an authorized State official must certify that these funds are available, and how long the funds will remain available. A copy of the approved legislation appropriating the funds for the specific project must accompany the certification.

25. What are the other priority categories?

Second priority is accorded to States that have not made the State's 35 percent (35%) matching share. The second priority is further prioritized as (1) Remedies for life/safety; (2) States without a construction grant for a nursing home; (3) Great need for beds in a State; (4) Renovation other than (1); (5) Significant need for beds in a State; and (6) Limited need for beds in a State.

26. Where can I find the Federal regulations for the priority system?

Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 59 Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes. The latest updated versions are available on the Internet at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

27. Is the State required to employ a State employee when the home is under a contractual agreement for daily operations?

Yes. When a State home is operated and staffed under a contractual agreement between a State Agency that has jurisdiction over the home and an independent contractor, the oversight of the daily operations of the State Veterans Home is performed by a full-time, on-site State project officer (also referred to as a full time on-site State representative). State Home Program staff has written responses to queries that have been made concerning the role of this official. The information is provided by request.

28. Where are State Home Program forms located on the web?

Eventually, all State Home Program forms are expected to be on the web. The web address is as follows: <http://www.va.gov/forms/medical/searchlist.asp>.

- VA Form 10-0388C – Checklist of Major Requirements for State Home Construction and Acquisition Grants
- VA Form 10-0388 – Documents and Information Required for State Home Construction and Acquisition Grants – Initial Application
- VA Form 10-0392 – State Home Construction Grant Program Space Program Analysis – Nursing Home and Domiciliary
- VA Form 10-0392a – State Home Construction Grant Program Space Program Analysis – Adult Day Health Care
- VA Form 10-0388a – Additional Documents and Information Required for State Home Construction and Acquisition Grants – Application
- VA Form 10-0148b – Certification of State Matching Funds to Qualify for Group 1 on the Priority List
- VA Form 10-0148c – Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions
- VA Form 10-0388 – Documents and Information Required for State Home Construction and Acquisition Grants – Initial Application
- VA Form 10-0143 – Department of Veterans Affairs Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace for Grantees Other Than Individuals
- VA Form 10-0144 – Certification Regarding Lobbying
- VA Form 10-0148d – Certification of Compliance with Federal Requirements – State Home Construction Grant
- VA Form 10-5348 – Memorandum of Agreement – Sample
- VA Form 10-0148d – Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters – Lower Tier Covered Transactions (To be signed by Contractor(s))
- VA Form 10-0388b – Documents/Certifications Required for State Home Construction and Acquisition Grants – Post-Grant Requirements
- VA Form 10-10EZ – Application for Benefits
- VA Form 10-10SH – State Home Program Application for Care, Medical Certification
- VA Form 10-5588 – State Home Report and Statement of Federal Aid Claimed

VA Form 10-3567 – State Home Program Staffing Profile
VA Form 10-3567a – Hospital Survey Form (not available on the web at this time)
VA Form 10-3567b – Nursing Home Care Survey Form (not available on the web at this time)
VA Form 10-3567c – Domiciliary Care Survey Form (Not available on the web at this time)
VA Form 10-3567a-1 (Test) – Life Safety Report for Existing Hospital Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter xx)
VA Form 10-3567b-1 (Test) – Life Safety Report for Existing Nursing Home Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter 13)
VA Form 10-3567b-2 (Test) – Life Safety Report for New Nursing Home Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter 12)
VA Form 10-3567c-1 (Test) – Life Safety Report for Existing Domiciliary Care Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter 17)
VA Form 10-3567c-2 (Test) – Life Safety Report for New Domiciliary Care Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter 16)
VA Form 10-3567d-1 (Test) – Life Safety Report for Existing New Adult Day Health Care Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter 31)
VA Form 10-3567d-2 (Test) – Life Safety Report for New Adult Day Health Care Facilities (not available on web at this time) (Chapter xx)
VA Form 10-0143A – Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
VA Form 10-144A – Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Equal Opportunity Laws
VA Form 10-0143 – Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
VA Form 10-0144 – Certification Regarding Lobbying
VA Form 10-0148 – Certification of Compliance With Provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act

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October 10, 2001

Honorable James Hahn, Mayor
Chief Legislative Analyst
Controller, Room 1200
Accounting Division, F & A
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City Administrative Officer
Councilmember Miscikowski
Councilmember Weiss

Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Secretary of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, DC 20420

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A CALIFORNIA STATE VETERANS' HOME AT
THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY IN WEST LOS ANGELES

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Resolution (Miscikowski - Weiss), was
adopted by the Los Angeles City Council at its meeting held September
26, 2001. The Mayor concurred with the Council's action on October 2,
2001.

J. Michael Carey

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SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 01-1516

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. _____


COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE September 26, 2001

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A CALIFORNIA STATE VETERANS' HOME AT THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY IN WEST LOS ANGELES

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT OCT 11 2001
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 231(h))

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RESOLUTION

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 Center's application to the Governor's Commission on Veterans Affairs to be the next site chosen for a California State Veterans' Home.

Presented by Cindy Miscikowski
Cindy Miscikowski
Councilwoman, 11th District

Seconded by [Signature]

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September 19, 2001

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ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Mayor With File - 231(h)

COUNCIL VOTE

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Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 20-51

Voting on Item(s): 32,37,39-41,45,47-49,51

Roll Call

BERNSON	Absent
GALANTER	Yes
GARCETTI	Yes
HAHN	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PACHECO	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Yes
RIDLEY-THOMAS	Yes
WACHS	Absent
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes
	Absent

Present: 12, Yes: 12 No: 0

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Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Barbara Boxer, Senator
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: OPPOSING ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 25-YEAR GENERAL USE
PLAN FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WEST LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE
CENTER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Resolution (Miscikowski - Weiss), was
adopted by the Los Angeles City Council at its meeting held July 20,
2001. The Mayor concurred with the Council's action on August 2, 2001.

J. Michael Carey

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SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 01-1516

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE JULY 20, 2001

RE: OPPOSING ANY PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 25-YEAR GENERAL USE PLAN FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WEST LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE CENTER

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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 341

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JUL 13 2001

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 a refuge for transition from the horrors of the battlefield to the norms of civilian life. Indeed, the West Los Angeles 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 VA calls a "Plan for the Development of a 25-Year General Use Plan" for the VA 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 VA 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 VA. 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 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 VA to fully disclose the Plan's impacts through an EIS, demonstrate an unprecedented callousness and hubris by ignoring the public's interest.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR

I 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

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draft Plan and start the process over with the highest level of public involvement, including the participation of representatives from the City and County of Los Angeles, the State of California, 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 VA property.

Presented by: *Cindy Miscikowski*
CINDY MISCIKOWSKI
Councilmember 11th District

Seconded by: *[Signature]*

July 13, 2001

RESOLUTION
PAS. ^{no}
ADOPTED
JUL 20 2001
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
To the Mayor forthwith

COUNCIL VOTE

20-Jul-01 10:41:41 AM, #3

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 10-13

Voting on Item(s): 10a-13

Roll Call

BERNSON	Absent
GALANTER	Yes
GARCETTI	Yes
HAHN	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PACHECO	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Yes
RIDLEY-THOMAS	Yes
WACHS	Absent
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Absent
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