

- PREFACE -

According to the American GI Forum of California 2021 Annual State Conference Program - developers, politicians, lobbyists and Metro will spend more time promoting their own private, mixed-use redevelopment projects at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home, than AGIF is scheduled to spend on any other topic.

In any event no time is scheduled to debate the impact of a private Community Plan on disabled and homeless Veterans at the WLA VA Soldiers Home, the following information is provided on an independent, volunteer basis to offer constructive facts about that Community Plan and it's backers.

AGIF California Members and past officers including Alfredo Lugo, Francisco Juarez and others helped compile this material; hoping it will expand upon AGIF National Commander Romo's Statement to Congress on March 16th, 2021; and vigilantly remind us, as former National Commander Jake Alarid did for many decades, that disabled and homeless Veterans are entitled to their WLA VA Soldiers Home today, as opposed to years away - here in Our Nation's capital of Veteran homelessness.

On Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 08:03:40 PM PST,
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Hi Francisco

The American GI Forum, El Camino Real Chapter strong;y Supports your effort in "Taking Back the Veterans Land". The AGIF has been on top of this issue for a few years and some of the members, including myself, of El Camino Real Chapter have protested at the land site. Here are a couple of resolutions that were passed by the State AGIF and National AGIF. In addition I appeared before the LA County Board of Supervisors and testified against the unlawful action by the VA. I think you were present when I testified.

As veterans we stand together and this is one issue that we must prevail. Again, thank you for your perseverance. We support you 100 percent.
Semper Fi

Jake Alarid, Past National Commander
American GI Forum of the U.S.
Commander, El Camino Real Chapter



Resolution on the Unlawful Seizure of the West Los Angeles Veterans Property

A 388-acre parcel property in West Los Angeles/Brentwood was intended to be hallowed ground to honor, protect and rehabilitate untold thousands of military Veterans. The 388-acre WLAVA property, which was deeded to the government in 1888 "to be used exclusively by homeless and disabled Veterans." However, the Veterans have been abandoned literally on the side of the road along Sunset Boulevard in West Los Angeles fighting a new war that has become heated and volatile, in the biggest VA land fraud scandal.

Some of the most powerful politicians, real estate developers and unresponsive government bureaucrats are now strong allies against an army of outspoken Veterans, who line the streets around the property each weekend, donning protest signs and wearing trademark American military greens.

The news media, along with local politicians have ignored the problem for years, not wanting to anger the Brentwood Elite and face the political wrath of the wealthy who reside there.

Under the deed, anything done on the land should directly benefit Homeless Veterans, Disabled Veterans and Veteran's health, and utility of this sacred land for any other purpose not related to Veterans is illegal and a "breach of fiduciary duty."

However as recently as 2001, the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration (WLAVA) along with the Veterans Park Conservancy (VPC) began leasing the land to commercial organizations. These organizations put the donated land to uses that had absolutely nothing to do with providing health benefits to Veterans, a breach of fiduciary duty and an affront to Los Angeles Veterans.

Where as: the Veterans Park Conservancy (VPC), which now operates a 16-acre park on the property, and is an outgrowth of the Brentwood Homeowners Association, boasting some of the wealthiest and politically active people in the state, signed a 30-year rent-free "sharing agreement" with the VPC basically giving the VPC a \$1 billion property free as a "public park."

Where as: UCLA, has maintained Jackie Robinson Stadium since 1981 for their baseball team, signed a lease in 2001 and pays a paltry \$5,000 per month in rent for the 10-acre facility.

Where as: The elite Brentwood Private School, reportedly costing \$30,000 per year in tuition, claims some of the wealthiest parents and alumni in the nation, where most children of the Brentwood Elite attend the Brentwood School. The school occupies 27 acres of the property, its rental payments a miniscule \$25,000 per month or \$300,000 annually. A comparable annual rental in the area would run into the tens of millions of dollars.

Where as: Meanwhile, homeless, disabled and mentally ill male and female Veterans and having fought and sacrificed for the United States of America sit and wait for closure, some sleeping right outside the park created on the National Veterans Home Property and in the shadow of Donna Beiter's, WLAVA Executive Director, 22-acre Mansion.

Where as: The ACLU filed a lawsuit to fight the leases and remove the commercial companies occupying the land. United States District Court Judge S. James Otero agreed in 2013 that the land, under the 1888 deed, is to be used exclusively by Veterans, and adjudicated the leases in Federal Court as "unauthorized by law and therefore void." Judge Otero then entered a Federal Judgment against the Defendants, now-former Secretary of the VA Shinseki and Donna Beiter, Director WLAVA.

Where as: Shinseki and Bieter appealed the judgment using the full force and power of the United States Department of Justice. One ACLU lawyer called the appeal "morally and legally indefensible."

Therefore, be it resolved: The American GI Forum defends the rights of veterans too occupy and use their own 388 acre property and for the immoral and illegal interlopers on the National Veterans Home Campus to vacate the property pursuant to the judgment dated August 19, 2013 and ordered by the Honorable S. James Otero.

Be it Further resolved: The American GI Forum shall initiate a, national veteran committee, with other veteran organizations, for the purpose of contacting the Congressional Veterans Committee and testifying before the Congress of the United States to make every Congress Member cognizant of the VA Land Fraud.

Submitted by the American GI Forum, El Camino Real Chapter, at the American GI Forum California State Conference, on this 28th day of June 2014.

Jake Alarid, Commander

American GI Forum, El Camino Real Chapter
State of California AGIF Commander
National AGIF Commander

RESOLUTION ON WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS NATIONAL PARK

The Civil War between the Northern and Southern States ended on April 9, 1865. An estimated 600,000 soldiers from both north and south died during that conflict. After the war there were an estimated 1.5 million veterans. Among those veterans there were tens of thousands veterans who had been wounded and needed some kind of help. President Lincoln appealed to the Congress in behalf of the veterans and stated: "To care for him who has born the battle and for his widow and his orphans". Between 1865 and 1930 eleven veterans homes were established in different states. In 1888 a veterans home was established in West Los Angeles, CA on ~~150~~ ³⁸⁸ acres deeded to the veteran's administration which became a Veterans National Park.

Where as: Today veterans houses and buildings in the veterans property are empty, and

Where as: The gates to the veterans property are locked with no access to veterans, and

Where as: The veterans property has been rented to public and private business, ~~without a cent~~ ^{WITH NO BENEFIT} being allocated to veterans, and

Where as: The veterans property is being used by UCLA, 20th Century Fox, PGA event parking, a dog park, and other business, and

Where as: Congressman Henry Waxman, who's Congressional District the veterans property is located, is guilty of dereliction of duty by refusing to investigate and ignore the commercialization of the veterans property, and

Where as: There are some twenty thousand homeless veterans in Los Angeles County of which some are sleeping right outside the gates of the veterans property,

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the American GI Forum of the United States, at this 2013 National Conference in Denver, Colorado, demands that the United States Congress, the Department of Interior and the Veterans Administration investigate this unlawful seizure of the Veterans National Park, by the Business and Real Estate enterprises in West Los Angeles,

Be It Further Resolved: That the American GI Forum of the United States demands that the Congress of the United States enforce the pledge given to every member of the Armed Forces, that their veteran benefits would be there when they needed them, and to continue the wishes of President Lincoln,

"TO CARE FOR HIM WHO HAS BORNE THE BATTLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHANS"

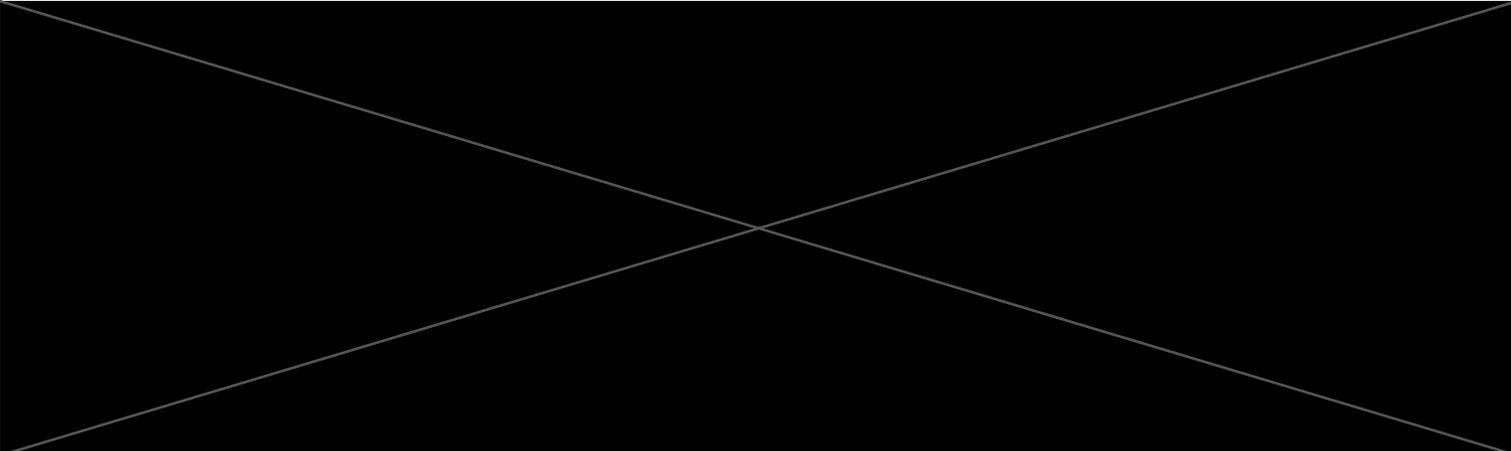
SIGNED: _____ Date: _____ DATE _____

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From: LAWRENCE ROMO [REDACTED]
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Subject: West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home

Dear Friends,

I whole-heartedly appreciate the opportunity for the American GI Forum of the United States to give our written statement (testimony) to the House and Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, March 18,2021 Meeting.

Please add the following attached PDF File to my statement. This file succinctly describes the (A) history, (B) current situation and (C) recommended solution to save the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home and the Santa Monica beachfront property for what it was "permanently" intended to be.

There have been attempts by various non-veteran groups to "land-grab" for 130 years and take away from the intent for the land to only be used for the enhanced wellness of veterans. I respectfully recommend that the House and Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs have their staff evaluate the situation and issues and direct the Veterans Administration formulate a plan ensuring that the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home is used as intended for veterans and not other groups. The VA would then have to brief your Committee on the plan. Mr Francisco Juarez, NHDVS Advocate, is the best source for more information. He can be reached at 310-795-7051 Francisco is the one that crafted the attached PDF File. We salute your stellar efforts to ensure the veterans community is taken care! Best Wishes!

Sincerely,

Lawrence Guzman Romo
American GI Forum National Commander
Lieutenant Colonel, USAFR, Retired
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In 1887, several estates donated approximately 1,000 acres of California land, with cash and water rights - for the U.S. Government to perpetually maintain a National Home for disabled Veterans. The U.S. Government expressly accepted the donors' terms in Public Trust by an Act of Congress; and assigned the Home's stewardship to the Board of Directors of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, then the Veterans Administration and now, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. By 1920, generations of rehabilitated Veterans moved from the Soldiers Home to develop a city called Sawtelle that's now known as West Los Angeles and a town called West Gate that's now known as the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. On any given night in 1970, up to 5,000 disabled Veterans resided at what's now called the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; back when no significant homeless Veteran populations were found in the greater West Los Angeles area.

Today, roughly 100 disabled Veteran residents remain on about 400 remaining acres of the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home - where by 2011 local Veterans Services Organizations, Los Angeles residents and the Press alleged third-party land use agreements denied disabled and homeless Veterans' entitled access to it. On August 29th, 2013 - a Federal Court Ruled many third-party land use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home are null and void. On September 28th, 2018 - the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General Found over 60% of third-party land use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home, including many of those ruled null and void in 2013, remain non-compliant with Public Law. Also in 2018, a non-compliant third-party land user and a former West Los Angeles VA Contract Officer were arrested, convicted and sentenced for an over \$14,000,000 fraud against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a \$300,000 bribe; regarding their non-compliant, third-party land use at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home. While lobbying registrations in Congress and Los Angeles City show non-compliant third party land users at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home spending millions to reform such land use, those land users didn't report those activities on their IRS Form 990 Federal Tax Returns.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County became our Nation's capital of Veteran homelessness. Per the Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority's latest count, there are over 4,270 homeless Veterans trying to survive on the streets of Los Angeles today.

A prevailing authority over West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home land use is Public Law 114-226, as Amended. It mandates all third-party land use at the West Los Angeles VA must Principally Benefit Veterans and their families. That Law as amended also warrants, in result of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General's 2018 Findings of non-compliant land use and mismanagement at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; that VA is barred from entering into any new leases and land sharing agreements at West Los Angeles, until and unless the Inspector General's recommendations are satisfied. Amid those recommendations remaining unsatisfied, VA still enters into new and non-compliant land use agreements with third parties at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home. Some of those agreements include parking lots for commercial-retail patrons, a fourth baseball field and housing projects without covenants limiting that housing to homeless Veterans. Several of those housing developers are now Defendants in a Los Angeles Superior Court trial for fraud, deceit and quiet title regarding Publicly-funded affordable housing projects in Los Angeles.

The West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home's stewards have fed and housed disabled Veterans in accordance with their Mission at West Los Angeles for over 134 years. Although Congress appropriated over \$500,000,000 between 2012-2020 for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to improve and construct utilities, housing and service facilities for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home - non-profit special interest groups representing non-compliant West Los Angeles VA third-party land users, engage public relations campaigns; claiming our U.S. Government can't afford, build nor operate anything for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home.

A memorandum signed between attorneys and a former VA Secretary on January 28th, 2015, committed to establish an exit strategy for non-compliant third party land users to be evicted from the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; and to end Veteran homelessness in Greater Los Angeles in 2015... Yet

today there are more non-compliant third-party land users at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home, less disabled Veteran residents inside the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home and more homeless Veterans in Los Angeles County than there were several years ago. Throughout those changes - disabled Veterans and local leaders of Congressionally Chartered Veterans Services Organizations are systematically excluded from effectively participating in land-use planning; and often censored from speaking at improperly noticed planning hearings.

Disabled Veterans exhausted good faith over several decades of third-party West Los Angeles VA land users' empty promises to comply with Public Law. The resulting Veteran homelessness and waste of Public Funds purporting to resolve it reaffirm, more than ever before, our duty to finally evict non-compliant, third-party land users from the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; so we may truly bring disabled and homeless Veterans into the Home Federal taxpayers provide them when those Veterans need it most. Until and unless those evictions occur, homeless disabled Veterans and their advocates will continue their exhaustive efforts to merely get a tent to sleep in on the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home's grass.



October 8, 2019

The National Headquarters and State Department of California of the American Veterans, (AMVETS) Veteran Service Organization, stand firmly against the sale. Disposal or long term leasing of any part of the West Los Angeles VA property to any non-veteran special interest.

AMVETS knows that the intended use of gift-land is, strictly, to provide a home for disabled Veterans, any other mix-use and non-veteran land-use agreement violates the deeds and the laws established to permanently maintain it as such.

Therefore, the West Los Angeles VA Property, including the beachfront property, is not for sale.

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VIA-MAIL

RE: AMVETS California's Comments for the Record about substantial concerns with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs July 23, 2020 Public Hearing and Underlying Proposal(s) for Enhanced Use Leases of Twenty-One (21) Buildings and Six (6) Parking Lots at the West Los Angeles VA to Private Third-Party Developers for a Term of 75-Years, free of rent and tax exempt.

Secretary Wilkie, Executive Director McKenrick; Directors Simms and Braverman, Chiefs Ruh and Merchant, Chairman Takano, Craddock Group Managing Director Rice and Inspector General Missal:

American Veterans (AMVETS) is an over 250,000-member, non-partisan and volunteer-led Veterans Service Organization, Federally Chartered by Chapter 227 under Title 36 of the United States Code.

The West Los Angeles VA is Federal land Deeded in Public Trust to our U.S. Government, to permanently maintain as a National Home for disabled Veterans. That Home provides housing, shelter, food, healthcare and related services to disabled Veterans, without lapse for over 133 years. We substantially believe WLA VA's capacity to continue servicing disabled Veterans in accordance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Core Mission, will soon fail in continued absence of effective Federal Law Enforcement at WLA VA... Because private third parties and public-private partnerships are rapidly succeeding to occupy, privatize, transfer and / or otherwise control WLA VA land for commercial purposes.

Despite recent Federal Court Orders voiding many private interests occupying WLA VA, Federal injunctions against their prior developments, Federal criminal convictions of one of those interests for WLA VA land-use related fraud, conspiracy and bribery; and VA Office of Inspector General Findings that over 60% of third-party land use agreements at WLA VA don't comply with our Public Laws - commercial interests continue lobbying Congress and campaigning local media to, somehow successfully, entrench and protect their occupation of the WLA VA.



Inversely proportionate to the growth of commercial interests occupying WLA, VA, is the decline of its disabled Veteran resident / inpatient population from a peak of approximately 5,000 to less than 200... A decline having no impact on taxpayers' increased expense supporting disabled Veterans access and use of the WLA VA; nor occupying commercial interests' apparent lack of interest in the causes of Los Angeles' reign, as Our Nation's capital of Veteran Homelessness.

Considering the foregoing facts, AMVETS unanimously voted to enact National Resolution 20-23, against non-Veteran special interests occupying and controlling the WLA VA; which AMVETS believes is required for disabled Veterans, the Stakeholders of WLA VA, to develop with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - a Veterans Master Plan complying with our Public Laws and the Public Trust, for Our U.S. Government to permanently maintain WLA VA as Home for disabled Veterans.

Advocating for the immediate construction of shelter and establishment of mental health services exclusively benefiting disabled Veterans at WLA VA, as Resolved by AMVETS Resolution 20-23, is a primary motivation for AMVETS Comments on Record herein - about proposed Enhanced Use Leases to third parties for twenty-one (21) Buildings and six (6) parking lots at WLA VA; and the virtual Public Hearing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Officials and a Managing Director of the Craddock Group hosted on July 23, 2020, with Intent to enter into those proposed Enhanced Use Leases.

U.S. Code Title 38, §8163 mandates "Hearing and notice requirements regarding proposed leases" as excerpted (with added emphasis):

(a) If the Secretary proposes to enter into an enhanced-use lease with respect to certain property, the Secretary shall conduct a public hearing before entering into the lease. The hearing shall be conducted in the community in which the property is located. At the hearing, the Secretary shall receive the views of veterans service organizations and other interested parties regarding the proposed lease of the property and the possible effects of the uses to be made of the property under a lease of the general character then contemplated.



(b) Before conducting such a hearing, the Secretary shall provide reasonable notice to the congressional veterans' affairs committees and to the public of the proposed lease and of the hearing.

AMVETS was not Reasonably Notified about the July 23, 2020 hearing by any U.S. Government Agency. In fact, we learned about the hearing a few days before it occurred, from a non-Veteran Los Angeles resident who e-mailed us a copy of its Notice, which he claimed to unexpectedly find during a Google search for unrelated information. Upon receiving the Notice from that local resident, we inquired throughout AMVETS National and California leadership; none of whom stated they had any prior knowledge about the Hearing and Notice. Subsequent inquiries to National and California leaders within the Vietnam Veterans of America Veterans Service Organization turned up responses of either having no prior knowledge about the hearing or its Notice; and one who had just heard about it from another source.

Amid U.S. Code Title 38, §8163 mandating "At the hearing, the Secretary shall receive the views of the Veterans Services Organizations" - the Notice expressly states the only means by which VA would receive, consider and answer the input of anyone participating in the hearing, is by e-mailing, mailing and / or electronically messaging them to VA by July 31, 2020; to be answered in late Summer 2020.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs did not properly notify AMVETS of the July 23, 2020 Public Hearing.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - specifically how, via written evidence, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notified the Congressional Veterans Affairs Committees about the July 23, 2020 Public Hearing and if the Department did not, why?



Only after AMVETS and local residents e-mailed complaints to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, did the Agency directly Notify several Veteran Service Organizations about the hearing via e-mail; and revise the hearing agenda to provide answers to Veterans' and Public questions during the meeting; as opposed to the late Summer, after the proposed EUL's would break ground... Yet such notice and revised agenda were not provided until less than 24-hours before the hearing.

All of the Hearing's participants that we know were only able to attend the hearing by listening to it on a one-way conference call phone line. Several tried to install the unpopular software application VA required for participants to view a purported 508 slides of visual material. Technical difficulties prevented those installs, possibly because the application requires Adobe Flash technology that all major web browsers, and even developer Adobe, are permanently ceasing to support throughout this year.

Amid many requests, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs did not provide copies of any audiovisual materials presented in the hearing until 2:17 PM Pacific time on July 30, 2020... One day before the Notice's final deadline to submit any comments. Unfortunately, the audiovisual materials only include 51 of the purported 508 slides presenting in the hearing. We must receive all of the remaining audiovisual materials still missing from the hearing, at least 45 days before any attempt to enter into any of the proposed enhanced use leases.

In review of the 51 slides we received the night before this deadline to submit comments, we notice among other things, a map of the West Los Angeles VA whereupon most of its land North of Wilshire Boulevard is omitted or shaded out; and appears outside graphic borderlines claiming to be what was once called land subject to a Draft Master Plan, but now called a Community Plan.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why West Los Angeles VA land currently occupied by private third party land users is omitted or shaded out from any maps of the West Los Angeles VA presented to us by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs during the July 23, 2020 hearing



and afterward on July 30, 2020.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - a detailed and accurate definition of and intent behind "Community Plan"; and similar terms mentioned throughout visual materials presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans in context of the July 23, 2020 hearing about proposed enhanced use leases.

Since around July 28, 2020 and continuing through today, July 31, 2020 – we are experiencing persistent rejections of comments e-mailed to the Noticed contacts for submitting comments. We're also receiving reports from many Veterans and local residents, including California and National leaders of the Vietnam Veterans of America Veterans Service Organization, they're submissions are being rejected. We've been documenting these problems via emails, digital snapshots and formal complaints to VA Staff, including the Secretary and Inspector General.

On two occasions during the hearing, as documented by several personal recordings of the hearing by Veterans and non-Veterans, the hosts state technical difficulties were preventing them from viewing comments; and even deleting them. Many of us resubmitted comments to ensure they would be answered. Many of those were not answered and no presenter at the hearing ever requested us to resubmit our comments.

Of the two Noticed contacts for submitting comments regarding the July 23, 2020, hearing, both of whom are rejecting submitted comments and amid both having Department of Veterans Affairs e-mail addresses; one is not employed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Contrarily, Janet Rice, is the managing director of The Craddock Group - a firm specializing in disposing of property managed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Rice was never presented as a private consultant in the hearing or its' notice. We learned of this information on July 30, 2020 by our own investigation, inquired with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs about it and was told in response by Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Director Steven Braverman at 6:38 PM Pacific time on July 30, 2020 that Janet Rice "is a contractor working on behalf of the VA Office of Asset Enterprise Management (OAEM) which was the hosting **agency for last week's hearing.**"



We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why the VA Office of Asset Enterprise Management hosted a hearing that above all else, must pertain to what principally benefits Veterans and their families; and why that Office delegated the hearing's operation to a private firm in the practice of disposing of Federal property... A practice reasonably biasing the firm to hold the profits of facilitating such disposals over Laws governing disabled Veterans' civil rights and service benefits.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why the Craddock Group is entrusted with all public comments regarding the July 23, 2020 hearing; including those of Veterans Service Organizations.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs did not attend the Hearing to receive the views of Veteran Service Organizations at the hearing. Furthermore, we are unaware of any Veterans Service Organizations attending the hearing beyond AMVETS California Leaders and members; and two members of Vietnam Veterans of America.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why the Secretary did not receive the views of Veterans Service Organizations at the hearing.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - by what specific and cited authorities at prevailing Law, was the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs authorized to hold the July 23, 2020 hearing.

It's evident to us that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was not authorized to hold the July 23, 2020 hearing and that it was improperly Noticed; to the detriment of Veterans participation required by Law and for the sake of disabled Veterans earned benefits, rights and entitlements.



Failing to Notify Veterans and censor their participation in matters of land-use at the West Los Angeles VA is of no surprise to AMVETS. For example, on November 21 st , 2019 - many of the same Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs staff and the same proposed developers presenting at the July 23, 2020 hearing (that we know of), in conjunction with Congressman Ted Lieu; held an "Open Public Meeting" for the purpose of providing and receiving information about third-party land use deals planned for WLA VA. That November 2019 hearing was held at Congressman Ted Lieu's Los Angeles Offices in a Public Building. Ted Lieu and the Department of Veterans Affairs never notified any Veterans Service Organization leaders about the meeting and many local residents complained about the same.

AMVETS, other Veterans Service Organization leaders and homeless Veterans seeking shelter and services they are entitled to at WLA VA attended the meeting, much to its hosts' apparent surprise. Upon entering the meeting; Lieu's staff instructed us to sit in back of the room, told us that we were not permitted to comment during the meeting and provided us with short pencils and flash cards to write any comments we could submit for response at an unidentified, later date. Sitting in the front rows of the meeting room, after a space of several rows between us; were private developers including Thomas Safran & Associates, Century Housing Corporation, U.S. Vets, private lobbyists and the Boards of several unrecognized neighborhood Councils and nonprofits promoting commercial use of WLA VA land; including the Brentwood Community Council, Brentwood Homeowners Association and Village for Vets.

After the hosts announced a question and answer session, we raised our hands and kept them so for upwards of 30 minutes; while Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Staff, Thomas Safran & Associates, Century Housing Corporation, U.S. Vets and Ted Lieu answered all the private commercial interest representatives questions but none of ours... About land and services that must principally benefit Veterans and their families.

During this censorship, Ted Lieu's Deputy Janet Turner assertively approached a local resident with his hand raised and repeatedly asked him to lower it and not attempt asking questions during the meeting. The resident responded that Veterans have a right to speak at a Public Meeting about them, that taxpayers Funded the hearing and Veterans fought for



it to recognize free speech. Several minutes later, Ted Lieu stood up to inform the room he didn't realize Veterans were at the hearing, that he is a Veteran, that he supports Veterans; and that he was going to then open the hearing to include their comments... Right after taking one more question from a private non-profit board member who donates thousands of dollars to his Congressional Campaigns.

We have video recordings of the aforementioned November 21 st , 2019 "Open Public Hearing" available for review upon request.

The July 23, 2020 virtual public hearing, which was held about the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs proposing enhanced use leases it intends to enter into for twenty-one (21) buildings and six (6) parking lots at the West Los Angeles VA; for a term of 75-years, free of charge and exempt of tax. The only properties the Department of Veterans Affairs has provided us any specific information about beyond the name of a particular building or lot; are three of those 21 buildings and 6 lots... Buildings 207, 205 and 208. Of those three buildings, the only information we have been provided are company names of the proposed developers for Building 207 and a potentially proposed developer for Buildings 205 and 208. The proposed developers for Building 207 are the same who we met at the November 21, 2019, "Open Public Hearing". Those developers and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Staff promise us in pamphlets and website copy that the housing they develop will be for Veterans.

What we were never reasonably informed of by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or any developer about every building and lot proposed for the enhanced use leases, includes but is not limited to the following missing information for each building and lot: a) documented covenants by the developers to only use the proposed housing for Veterans, b) how any developer was competitively selected, c) documents of any existing agreements, d) financial documents, e) how the proposed EUL's and development will affect Veterans' access to services at WLA VA and f) how the proposed EUL's and development will affect Veterans' health at WLA VA. Furthermore, we have never been reasonably informed about the following information regarding 18 of the proposed buildings and 6 of the proposed lots for enhanced use leases: a) who are the developers, b) what the specific uses of each will be, c) how each of those uses will result in a demonstrable improvement of services to



Veterans and d) why we are hearing anything about proposed enhanced use leases for these specific 18 buildings and 6 lots for the first time at a purportedly Final Public Hearing about intent to enter those leases with unidentified private entities.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - all detailed information in this paragraph identified as missing or not reasonably informed about; or in the contrary, by what specific and cited authorities is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs withholding that information from us.

We must also know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - any and all information about proposed and existing enhanced use leases at the West Los Angeles VA that has not been provided to Veterans Service Organizations and the Public, yet required to be under U.S. Code Title 38, §8163.

The primary purpose and intent of communicating these comments, questions, requests and information to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Organizations and Congress - is because private third parties and public-private partnerships occupying and hoping to occupy the West Los Angeles VA; are often found violating our Public Laws, bribing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Officials, lobbying Congress for the express purpose of reforming land use law, failing to report such lobbying on their Federal nonprofit tax returns; refusing to vacate upon orders, injunctions, eviction Notices and / or expired agreements; censoring Veterans and committing fraud upon the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans. The results of such findings by authorities are, in our substantial perspective, demonstrable causes of Veteran homelessness, suicides, deaths, disenfranchisement and waste of Public Funds. Those authorities recently include a U.S. Federal Judge, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice and the VA Office of the Inspector General.



Amidst the foregoing findings and **decade's** worth of expensive master plans, private consultants and third party land use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA; the net effect is a rapid decline of the West Los Angeles VA Veteran population, proliferation of private land use there, total disregard for our Public Laws governing that land use and an explosion of Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles. Thus we substantiate few of many good reasons and probable cause for concern that, because developers who censor Veterans are proposed to develop the proposed enhanced use leases; and the same third party land users violating our Laws stand to benefit from the proposed enhanced use leases - those proposed developers and the proposed enhanced use leases to them for 75 years, free of charge and exempt of tax probably won't principally benefit Veterans and their families.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - how will the proposed and concurrent development of 21 buildings, 6 parking lots, a Purple Line station, a hospital retrofit, a research tower, road systems, utility redirections and other planned developments at West Los Angeles VA, especially amid private third party land users the Department of Veterans Affairs plans to keep there amid doing little to nothing for Veterans; impact disabled Veterans' access to shelter, housing and other services at the West Los Angeles VA over those seven to ten years of proposed development?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why Department of Veterans Affairs Officials constantly claim to us the Department is unable to construct and operate shelter, housing and food services for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA; amid at least \$500,000,000 Congress appropriated for related developments at the West Los Angeles VA since 2012?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why Department of Veterans Affairs Officials constantly claim to us the Department is unable to construct and operate shelter, housing and food services



for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA; amid the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs contracting, managing and funding the architects and construction companies that developed housing a few years ago for disabled Veterans currently residing in Building 209 of the West Los Angeles VA; although neither company is party to any enhanced use lease?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why Department of Veterans Affairs Officials constantly claim to us the Department is unable to construct and operate shelter, housing and food services for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA; when it has done so over most of its 133 year history?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why Department of Veterans Affairs Officials constantly claim to us the Department is unable to construct and operate shelter, housing and food services for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA; yet are unable to provide us any Law for review that prohibits such construction and operation of shelter, housing and food services for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA?

Although the Department of Veterans Affairs has yet to disclose any details regarding proposed and non-Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business principal developer Thomas Safran & Associates requirements to finance his proposed development(s) of West Los Angeles VA property; we found and reviewed official documents regarding the company's financing from the State of California, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We also found statements by Thomas Safran & Associates about the financing in Press interviews.

Those documents present the following declarations about and / or by Thomas Safran and Associates' proposed West Los Angeles VA Building 207 enhanced use lease:

- a) As of October 15, 2019 - Thomas Safran & Associates was awarded and / or



recommended to be awarded the following financing for Building 207:

- i) \$24,300,000 in HCID Los Angeles Public Funds / Bonds.
- ii) \$8,200,000 in HCID Los Angeles Public Funds / Bonds.
- iii) \$5,750,000 from Los Angeles County.

b) On November 7, 2019 - A 30-minute Public Meeting held by the City of Los Angeles, that is attended by nobody from the Public, reports in Official City of Los Angeles Documents that Thomas Safran & Associates Building 207 Project at WLA VA is for tenants that are "*multifamily and individual residential renters of low to moderate income.*"

c) On November 15, 2019 - Thomas Safran & Associates California Tax Credit Allocation Committee Application reports the following information about the WLA VA Building 207 Project:

- i) An unidentified 99.99% Ownership Interest after construction.
- ii) "United States Department of Veterans Affairs" as "Seller Principal"
- iii) A land and acquisition cost of \$425,000.

d) On January 15 th , 2020 - The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee reports the following about a Thomas Safran & Associates WLA VA Building 207 Project:

- i) It involves a "Seller Carryback Loan" through Bank of America.
- ii) Thomas Safran & Associates is the parent company of the West LA Veterans Collective.
- iii) Thomas Safran & Associates is the Management Agent.
- iv) Thomas Safran & Associates is the Developer and there's a \$2,500,000 Developer Fee.
- v) An annual rental subsidy of \$661,716 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD-PBVASH Program.

e) An HCID Los Angeles City Staff Report of March 20 th , 2020 reports the following about Thomas Safran & Associates Building 207 Project:



- i) \$555,885 construction cost per unit, of 60 units of housing; wherein one unit is a manager's unit. 53 of the units are studios and 6 of the units are one-bedrooms.
- ii) The scope of construction is renovating an existing Building.

Consider the foregoing facts as reported by Los Angeles and California Governments, none of which are reported by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to Veterans Service Organizations or the Public, in context of Our Public Laws, as excerpted:

a) U.S. Code Title 38, §8162(b)(5), per Public Law 112-154 mandates "The terms of an enhanced-use lease may not provide for any acquisition, contract, demonstration, exchange, grant, incentive, procurement, sale, other transaction authority, service agreement, use agreement, lease, or lease-back by the Secretary or Federal Government."

b) U.S. Code Title 38, §8162(d)(1), mandates "Nothing in this subchapter authorizes the Secretary to enter into an enhanced-use lease that provides for, is contingent upon, or otherwise authorizes the Federal Government to guarantee a loan made by a third party to a lessee for purposes of the enhanced-use lease."

c) Section 2(f) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended warrants "Notwithstanding section 8164 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary may not sell or otherwise convey to a third party fee simple title to any real property or improvements to real property made at the Campus."

d) Section 2(l) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended expressly Defines "Principally Benefits Veterans And Their Families" in Section 2 of this Law "... with respect to services provided by a person or entity under a lease of property or land-sharing agreement (1) means services (A) provided exclusively to Veterans and their families; or (B) that are designed for the particular needs of Veterans and their families, as opposed to the general public, and any benefit of those services to the general public is distinct from the intended benefit to Veterans and their families; and (2) excludes services in which the only benefit to Veterans and their families is the generation of revenue for the Department of Veterans Affairs."



e) While the Secretary isn't limited by the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended, from entering into other agreements at WLA VA that are authorized by Law; they must not be inconsistent with Section 2 of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended.

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - what standing does the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have to propose the enhanced use lease(s) with Thomas Safran & Associates amidst so much Official evidence in conflict and / or direct violation with our Public Laws?

Section 2(h)(1) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended, mandates the following:

(1) LAWS RELATING TO LEASES AND LAND USE.—*If the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs determines, as part of an audit report or evaluation conducted by the Inspector General, that the Department is not in compliance with all Federal laws relating to leases and land use at the Campus, or that significant mismanagement has occurred with respect to leases or land use at the Campus, the Secretary may not enter into any new lease or land-sharing agreement at the Campus, or renew any such lease or land-sharing agreement that is not in compliance with such laws, until the Secretary certifies to **the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, and each Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives who represents the area in which the Campus is located that all recommendations included in the audit report or evaluation have been implemented.***

On or before September 28, 2018 - the VA Office of the Inspector General Found over 60% of land-use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA are not Compliant with the WLA Leasing Act and other Public Laws; and Significant Mismanagement of land use at the West Los Angeles VA. In accordance with the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended, the VA Office of Inspector General prescribed at least five, detailed Recommendations in consideration of its Findings. Considering the Secretary has not



Certified to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives that all of the VA Office of Inspector General's recommendations from the September 28 th , 2018 audit report were implemented, Section 2(h)(1) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended warrants:

"the Secretary may not enter into any new lease or land-sharing agreement at the Campus, or renew any such lease or land-sharing agreement that is not in compliance with such laws".

Let us again remember that by the prevailing authority at Law in the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended, "Leases" also means "*Enhanced Use Leases*".

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why is the Department of Veterans Affairs proposing, planning, intending and / or entering into at West Los Angeles VA if it is currently prohibited from doing so and why has the Department not implemented the VA Office of Inspector General's Recommendations?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why has the Department violated Public Law by entering into a zero-dollar lease with Safety Park to operate several acres of WLA VA as a private parking operation for the General Public that does not principally benefit Veterans and their families?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why has the Department violated Public Law by entering into now-expired and terminated land-sharing agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, for a Purple Line Station that does not principally benefit Veterans and their families - and why did the Department suppress those agreements from the Public until a Freedom of Information Act Request?

We must know, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in writing, as soon as required



or otherwise possible to do so; and prior to entering into any proposed enhanced use lease at the West Los Angeles VA - why has the Department violated Public Law by permitting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to demolish the Historic Palm Grid at West Los Angeles VA?

During the July 23 rd , 2020 hearing, the Department of Veterans Affairs repeatedly promised the proposed enhanced use leases to third parties for 75-years, free of rent and tax, would revert back to the Department at the end of the lease term.

Between 1946 - 1948, UCLA lobbied Congress for 35 acres of the West Los Angeles VA, which was illicitly granted to the institution for the exclusive and limited purpose of developing and operating a medical center. Furthermore, the Congressional Act mandated the Deed reserve to the United States "*and provide for reversion of the title if the land cases to be used as a medical and research center.*"

By 1984, after UCLA had demolished and relocated its medical school, redeveloped the West Los Angeles VA land subject to the Act and sold much of it off to private apartment developers, UCLA again lobbied Congress in 1984 to keep using what remained of the land; by which Congress illicitly granted UCLA an extension of the grant, but with a revised reverter clause UCLA since violated. Then President Ronald Reagan expressed his concern with Congress' actions as follows:

"I also note my concern over sec. 301, which will modify a reverter interest of the United States on some 35 acres of land in Los Angeles. In 1948, this land was transferred to UCLA on condition that UCLA would use the land for medical and research purposes only. This restriction was imposed because the property was originally part of a Veterans Hospital. Now, this section will direct the Veterans Administration to broaden the terms of the reverter. The value of the taxpayers' interest in this property has been placed at \$100 million. I am concerned that this provision ignores both the justification for the original transfer in 1948 and the taxpayers' interest. This underscores the need for a better appreciation that Federal real property is an asset that deserves management in the interest of the taxpayer."

We know by fact that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is not authorized to enter into the proposed Enhanced Use Leases, improperly Noticed Veteran Services Organizations about it's intent to do so, is suppressing the views of Veterans Services Organizations



regarding the proposed leases, is not providing information about the proposed leases we are entitled to review for good reason; and that decades of private third party land use at the West Los Angeles VA demonstrates no net benefit to Veterans.

Furthermore, we recognize the Department of Veterans Affairs is required to build housing for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA, has the capacity and funding to do so; and a long history of the Department and other Federal Agencies doing so has resulted in great benefits to disabled Veterans and taxpayers in ways that are consistent with the Mission and Core Values of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. By such we request the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice and VA Office of the Inspector General immediately investigate all private and public-private land use at the West Los Angeles VA, as well as prosecute and evict all that is found to be non-compliant with our Public Laws - so that we may swiftly realign the West Los Angeles VA to operate lawfully in service to Veterans at this peak of Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles.

We ask that in addition to publishing these comments in their entirety without modification, for Public Review in the Federal Register, that all responses and answers to our questions herein are also e-mailed to the addresses and individuals listed below.

Respectfully submitted on this day, July 31, 2020,

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 20-23

SUBJECT: Los Angeles VA Land Use
SOURCE: CA

WHEREAS, the original deeded purpose of the Veteran gift-land in West Los Angeles, CA, is to "permanently maintain" it as a home with a beach for disabled Veterans, and,

WHEREAS, large portions of that gift-land are currently occupied and controlled by non-veteran special interests, and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veteran Affairs released its official report describing those non-veteran leases as violations of the originally intended purpose, and,

WHEREAS, past AMVETS National and State Conventions have unanimously approved the advocacy and challenge of those violations, and,

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2019, advocates will call upon the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs to review and consider the VETERAN MASTER PLAN that prioritizes shelter and mental health services without non-veteran leases on the gift-land, and,

WHEREAS, the VETERAN MASTER PLAN frames all land-use policy within the specific and permanent language of the terms, conditions, spirit and intent of the Act of 1887 and the two deeds of **1888**,

WHEREAS, the VETERAN MASTER PLAN calls for immediate construction of shelter and establishment of on-site mental health services, and the prohibition of leasing to any non-veteran special interest that is not a provider of service that is 100%-direct-bene fit to disabled Veterans further, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, this 2019 California Department of AMVETS Convention does hereby support and endorse the basic concept of the VETERAN MASTER PLAN to be presented to the National Veteran Community Engagement Oversight Board on August 14, 2019, further,

RESOLVED, this 2019 California Department of AMVETS Convention calls upon the voting members of the 2020 National AMVETS Convention to also support and endorse the basic concept of the VETERAN MASTER PLAN

Committee Recommendations:

VAVS & VA Hospital and Medical Services, Rehabilitation Benefits Committee:

Communications Committee: Amendment – Remove references to “California Department of”

Floor Action: ADOPTED as amended

already difficult financial positions of each state. This has caused many states to lower their reimbursements to nursing homes including state veterans homes, for Medicaid.

A decision by our government must be made: do we continue to provide the quality of care our veterans deserve, or once again do we turn our backs on the very individuals who have won for us the liberties and freedom us so cherish.

Resolved, That: Vietnam Veterans of America maintain that:

- Each state council and its chapter make themselves aware of the plight of the veterans home in their state and support the high quality of care that these homes delivery to our veterans in need.
- To work with their state representatives, demanding that the veterans home in their state are properly funded with enough reimbursement to deliver the level of care that our brothers and sisters have earned and deserve.
- To work with their member of congress to push for adequate federal funds for veterans state homes in their district.

GA-17
PROPER USE OF REAL ESTATE AT WEST LOS ANGELES DVA MEDICAL CENTER

History:

First adopted in 1991 as V-26-91
Renumbered as V-21-93 in 1993
Renumbered as V-13-95 in 1995
Amended in 1997 as V-11-97
Renumbered in 2003 as V-8-03
Renumbered in 2005 as V-11-95
Renumbered in 2011 as G-17

Issue: A parcel of real estate adjoining the West Los Angeles, Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Medical Center, intended by its donor to be used for purposes of providing services to veterans, and has never been developed as intended.

Background: The West Los Angeles DVA Medical Center is located on a parcel of property, 547.7 acres of which were donated to the federal government in 1888 for the express purpose of maintaining a home for disabled veterans and a cemetery. The 431.2 acres unused portion of this parcel never has been developed for its intended purposes, and some of the medical buildings on the medical campus are empty, are used for storage, or are leased to non-veteran groups for assorted purposes.

Over the years since this property was transferred to the federal government, land values in the neighboring residential community have soared, reaching upwards of \$5,000,000 per acre, making the unused DVA parcel highly desirable by both developers and the local

residential community. In recent years, plans by the DVA to make the property available to developers were legislatively blocked, leaving the parcel in DVA hands but still without development consistent with the purposes for which the property was originally donated.

Most recently, a private group of local residents has sought to acquire the 265-acre unused parcel of DVA property through a lease. The objective of acquiring the property is to establish mixed-use recreational facilities for the principal benefit of the neighboring community and also for use by veterans. Unfortunately, the planned use of this parcel continues to be inconsistent with the kinds of services for veterans that are most in need and were intended by the original donor.

Over the last several years, the availability of needed services for veterans at the West Los Angeles DVA Medical Center has been in decline. The new use of the property would do little, if anything, to stem this decline.

Resolved, That: Vietnam Veterans of America, opposes the use of the undeveloped property at the West Los Angeles DVA Medical Center for purposes other than those consistent with the intentions of the original donor. It is the further position of VVA that any vacant or otherwise undeveloped DVA real estate or capital-plant assets should be refurbished, affording continued services for veterans and, most especially, for service-connected disabled veterans.

GA-19

DEPENDENT INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

History:

First Adopted in 2019

Issue: It is inherently unfair that a surviving spouse of a veteran, in the normal circumstance, to qualify for Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC) must have had the loved one receiving 100% total and permanent disability for ten or more years, unless that veteran was deemed as dying of an injury or disease related to military service, because such a circumstance frequently places this survivor in a disadvantageous financial position and an undeserved financial crisis.

Background: Section 1318(b)(1) of Title 38 of the United States Code provides Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits for survivors of deceased veterans who were rated totally disabled for ten or more years. However, the financial status of the surviving spouse is compromised due to the care often required for the totally disabled veteran by the spouse. The veteran's spouse, acting as a caregiver, must in many instances limits, give up or put a career and other activities on hold. As a result, the family unit suffers an immediate income loss upon the death of the veteran, which can lead to an undeserved financial crisis from which it may not recover, especially if the surviving spouse is no longer of working age.

- DOWNTOWN BRENTWOOD -

The Community Plan is about stealing 330 of the remaining 400 acres of the WLA VA Soldiers Home from Veterans, while the private, non-Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses that failed to build anything there in six years, are again asking for more money with another promise to build something for Veterans years from now - on only 70 acres.

Today, you are presented with more theft from disabled and homeless Veterans, here in our Nations capital of Veteran homelessness - and being asked by those stealing it, to support it. It seems as if they bet on ignorance, because today and for 134 years, it is irrefutably illegal to sell, dispose of or otherwise steal Soldiers Home land - and illegal to do anything on that land that doesn't principally and exclusively serve disabled and homeless Veterans.

Hence why all the existing illegal land users, who never left on the Judges Orders, nor after the Inspector General's Findings - are hidden from Veterans view in their Community Plan.

Hence why the private developers Community Plan isn't available for Veterans to review, only the marketing brochure on their website is. But look closely and notice what's hiding in it.

AGIF is one of three Congressionally Chartered Veterans Services Organizations that have National Resolutions against stealing and / or misappropriating the WLA VA Soldiers Home from Veterans. The private developers and their supporters intend to replace those National Resolutions with ones supporting them instead of Veterans.

CAMPUS COMPOSITE

Discover what we're planning as the West LA Veterans Collective



LEGEND

COMMUNITY

PHASE 00 - 238 HOMES

PHASE 01 - 678 HOMES

PHASE 02 - 423 HOMES

PHASE 03 - 254 HOMES

PHASE 04 - 98 HOMES

Phase 00

Phase 01

Phase 02

Phase 03

Phase 04

PHASE 03

The third phase of development largely focuses on redeveloping the research building cluster between Dewey Avenue and the western boundary of the VA property. After the proposed **development of new research facilities** on the South campus is completed, the site current site is to be **cleared for future redevelopment**. Phase three would include **building three new multi-family buildings** in the relatively same location as the current buildings in order to maintain a **consistent urban form**, while adding 254 additional permanent supportive homes for Veterans.

Phase 3 also includes reconstruction of portions of Dewey and Eisenhower Avenues, as well as the extensions of Grant Avenue as a complete street with sidewalks, parkways, and street parking. The new buildings will all share a large central green space that also helps integrate the recently restored and adaptively reused Building 116.

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The Community Plan's fourth phase includes the **adaptive reuse of the remaining historic structures** in the North Village area **including** Buildings 206 and 257. After their programs and services have been integrated into previously refurbished and new buildings within the Town Center area, the **two buildings** will provide 94 additional Veteran-serving permanent supportive homes. As most of the roadways and open spaces in the North Village will have been improved as part of the initial phases' associate **off-site improvements**, neighborhood enhancements in Phase 4 will focus **updating amenities based on evolving community needs**.

HISTORIC PRIORITIES



The original Historic Landmark District designation assessment and subsequent planning and environmental review process have clearly identified the character-defining buildings and landscapes of the West LA VA campus. From the fan-road network of the North Village, to Brentwood Theater and Trolley Depot, the West Los Angeles Veterans Community Plan identifies the elements within the project area to protect, restore, reuse, and incorporate them into a neighborhood that will continue serving Veterans in their new lives.



LEGEND

- TIER 1 BUILDING
- TIER 1 LANDSCAPE
- TIER 2 BUILDING
- TIER 2 LANDSCAPE
- TIER 3 BUILDING
- TIER 3 LANDSCAPE
- NON-PRIORITY

REUSE AND NEW CONSTRUCTION



COMMUNITY PLAN



1,691

ADDITIONAL
PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE
HOMES



16

RESTORED
HISTORIC
STRUCTURES



12

HIGH-QUALITY
MIXED-USE
BUILDINGS



10

NEW OR RESTORED
COMMUNITY OPEN
SPACES



100K

SQUARE FEET OF
NEW AMENITIES &
SERVICES

The West Los Angeles Veterans
Community Plan encompasses over
seventy acres of the Greater Los
Angeles Veterans Affairs North
Campus and will be home to over
2,000 Veteran residents.

LEARN MORE





OPEN SPACE

The northern extents of the North Campus are made up of a variety of outdoor spaces, programmed and untamed. The diversity of outdoor spaces includes sports facilities, public park space, multiple community gardens, forested areas, the Columbarium extension of the Los Angeles National Cemetery, and a collegiate baseball stadium - all oriented towards engaging Veterans and the surrounding community.

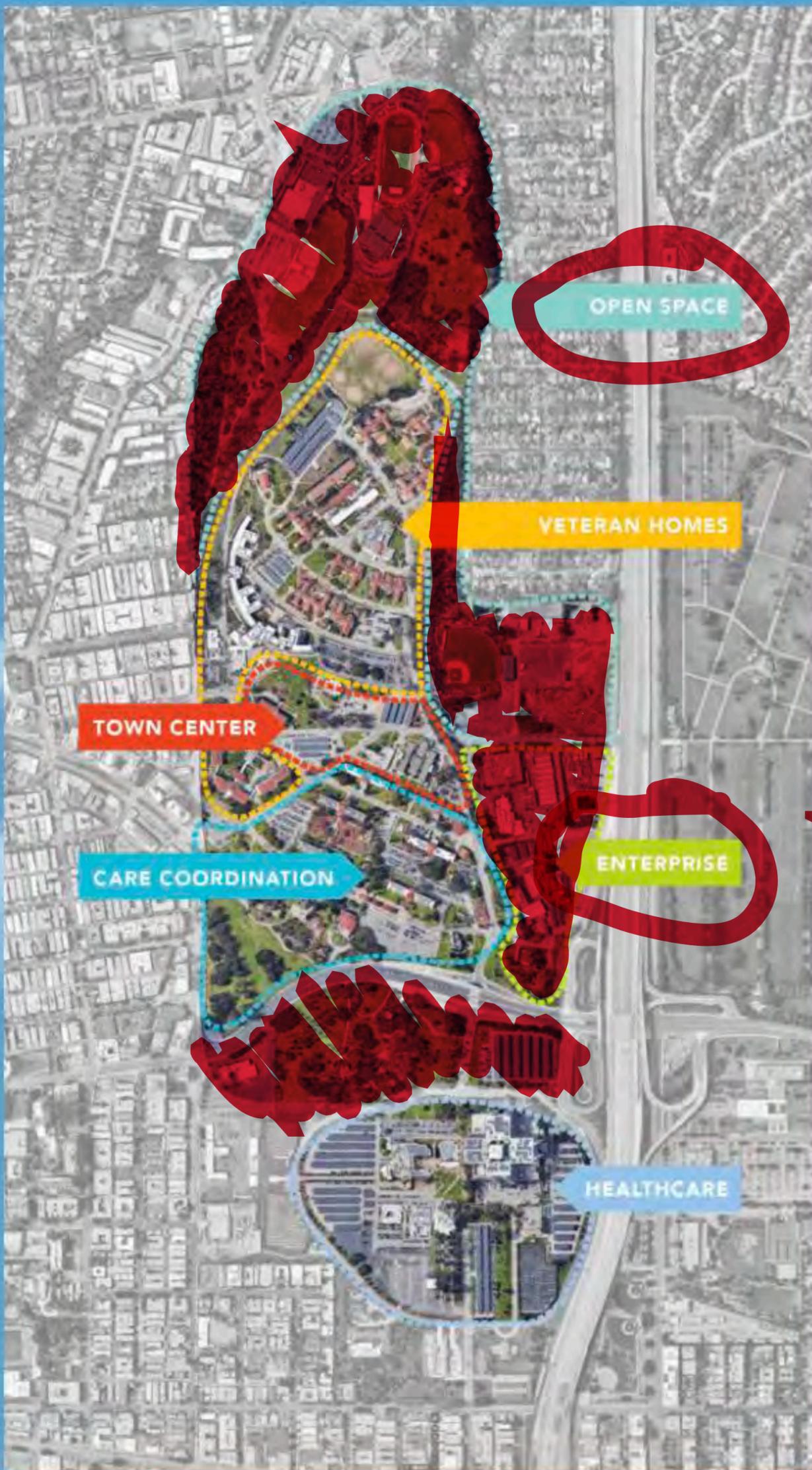




TOWN CENTER

The **Town Square** will serve as the community hub for the GLA property, and will include additional permanent **supportive homes**, **administrative and civic-like functions**, and **neighborhood-serving commercial activity**. It is formed by **the Town Hall [Building 13]**, **Domicile buildings**, and the New Pershing Avenue, which will be augmented by the old Barrack Building and streetcar depot structure.





ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise Zone contains a collection of industrial structures that host support functions for the GLA property, enterprise partners, and accessory uses centrally located in the various zones. Davis Avenue is a central organizing spine for the various industrial functions, with the historic superintendent home [Building 33] and Steam Plant [Building 295] as prominent gateways to the area.



- OPEN SPACES & LANDSCAPES -

So what exactly are those "open spaces" and "landscapes"?

They are the illegal land users who refused to leave.

**They stayed and lobbied against Veterans use of the land,
against our Public Laws.**

APPENDIX A

IRS FORM 13909 Tax-Exempt Organization Complaint; EIN-951426236

November 14, 2019

Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 – I, REDACTED, a U.S. Citizen residing at REDACTED, Declare as follows:

This Report is limited to substantial information that might interest the IRS; about actual and alleged Federal, California State and Los Angeles violations committed between 2014 (or earlier) and today, by Brentwood School (BWS) – a purported nonprofit with EIN 951426236, operating at 100 S. Barrington Place in Los Angeles, California 90049¹. Brentwood School's violations are a subset of a broader matter² involving other nonprofits I'm reporting to IRS in separate filings.

I am not a military Veteran and have no business with, for or in competition against BWS or the Federal Government. My career is not in education, I'm not a lobbyist or politician, don't want to be; and am not paid to advocate any perspective on BWS or the Federal Government.

I live near the West Los Angeles VA (WLA VA). Around February 2019, I learned about an ongoing land-use scandal there from the Press^{3,4,5,6}, local community and disabled U.S. Veteran advocates. The scandal negatively impacts my family, our neighborhoods, city services⁷, public investments⁸, U.S. Citizens' faith in government and disabled Veterans lives.⁹ The foregoing inspire me to advocate what will end illegal WLA VA land-use¹⁰ as an independent, unpaid volunteer; with the caveat I'm submitting a Form 211 on this Complaint to qualify for any reward it might earn.

The approximately 400-acre WLA VA¹¹ is mandated to operate as a Home for Disabled Veterans.¹² While functioning in that capacity since 1887, less than 54 disabled Veterans reside there today¹³ (excluding retired, senior-citizen Veterans paying to stay at CalVets).¹⁴ This decline from about 1,000 disabled Veteran residents several years ago and over 5,000 around 1960, is primarily caused by illegal land-users refusing to vacate WLA VA.

The illegal land-users are private, non-housing and / or non-healthcare businesses exclusively or principally serving non-Veterans^{2(Pg.iii)}; which exploit nonprofits^{15,16}, lobbyists¹⁷ and public servants^{18,19,20,21,22} to privatize^{23,24} valuable WLA VA land²⁵ via title transfers²⁶, 75-year leases²⁷ and easements for free or a fraction of fair market value^{28(Pg.354)}... Often with a caveat of maintaining some to all the misappropriated land at taxpayers' expense²⁹. Consequentially – WLA VA fails to serve disabled Veterans³⁰, more of them become homeless^{31,32} and die³³, Veterans' service providers are evicted⁶ and the public absorbs the costs of those crises³⁴; while illegal land-users reap wide, tax-free operating margins.

Why this racket proliferates despite our Laws and California having the most homeless Veterans of any U.S. State³⁵, wherein Los Angeles has at least 3,878 of them³⁶ – remains the question unanswered to a mortal fault.

There's been some justice at WLA VA, but not enough to restore its' legitimate operation. FBI investigations delivered criminal convictions of a former WLA VA illegal land-user's principal, Richard Scott of Westside Services³⁷; and a former WLA VA Contract Officer Ralph D. Tillman³⁸ in 2018 for conspiracy, bribery, fraud and extortion; exclusively regarding illegal WLA VA land-use. The VA Office of the Inspector General (VA OIG) is investigating illegal WLA VA land-use as required under PL114-226³⁹, by which it re-affirms BWS is non-compliant since September 28, 2018^{2(Pgs.17,29)}.

According to two different transcriptions of an unavailable deed, BWS was founded in 1972 on land it acquired at Layton Drive⁴⁰ adjacent to the WLA VA. Years later, the school expanded into separate and adjacent parcels bordering Sunset Boulevard and South Barrington^{41,42,43}. I'm unable to find substantial or complete title history for those parcels but am not a real estate professional. Over a decade later, BWS worked with former VA Contract Officer Ralph D. Tillman to execute it's WLA VA lease^{44(Pg.337)}; and soon thereafter BWS declared owning a few acres of the illegally leased land^{45,46,47}. BWS presently controls around 30-acres of WLA VA, much of it on an undocumented basis, all of it ruled illegal and found non-compliant; and none of which a prevailing authority has ever found legal.

While not a prevailing authority over the VA OIG or a Federal 9th Circuit Court's Judge when it comes to the legality and compliance of WLA VA land-use agreements – current VA Secretary Robert Wilkie passionately declared to National Veteran Service Organization leaders in an April 2019 D.C. meeting that BWS is a “fraud” that has “no place being there” and he's trying to “get them off” of “Veterans' land”.⁴⁸

Yet a few months earlier in November 2018, Wilkie states the following in his personal report to Congress on the state of WLA VA land-use...⁴⁹

“The Brentwood School recognizes VA’s goal to revitalize the campus into a welcoming and vibrant community for Veterans of the greater Los Angeles area and to help end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles, California. The Brentwood School continues to work collaboratively with the VA and the Veteran community to accomplish such goals and fortify the parties’ existing partnership, with the purpose of ensuring that it more appropriately benefits Veterans and their families... As such the Brentwood School has provided support and services to VA, on the GLAHS-WLA campus, for the benefit of Veterans and their families...”

Stranger things have happened – former VA Secretary James R. Nicholson is Senior partner to BWS’ lobbying firm⁵⁰ and former VA Secretary Robert McDonald, who was tasked with BWS’ exit from WLA VA; extended the school’s illegal lease^{51(Pgs.75-79)} before delivering its’ commencement address⁵². BWS’ Head of School prefaced McDonald’s address with the following comments:⁵³

“All to say, I cannot think of a speaker more aligned, professionally and personally, with Brentwood's Statement of Purpose.” “In fact, were it not for his vision of an enhanced VA-Brentwood partnership, our longstanding relationship with the VA might not have endured.”

Beyond deeds entrusting all WLA VA land to the U.S.G. as a National Home for Disabled Veterans³; our 9th Circuit Federal Court affirmed BWS’ illegal lease to be “unauthorized and void” in 2013¹⁰, BWS’ unsubstantial intervention was abandoned⁵⁴, the Department of Veterans Affairs committed to develop “an exit strategy” for Brentwood School in 2015⁵⁵, the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016³⁹ re-proves BWS’ illegal standing and since September 28, 2018 – the VA Office of the Inspector General reaffirms non-compliance² with that Law.

Instead of vacating the WLA VA, like many unauthorized land users back in 2013 did, BWS illegally remains in reliance upon: public misinformation campaigns⁵⁶, laundering money and benefits to unrecognized neighborhood councils⁵⁷, undue influence over Los Angeles City Councilmen Mike Bonin^{58,59} and Jose Huizar,^{60,61} over \$1,300,000 per year misrepresented as “in-kind contributions to Veterans”^{62(Pg.6-7)} and at least \$1,228,455.91 of secret Federal⁶³ and Los Angeles City lobbying⁶⁴ to gut and / or amend Laws, regulations, codes and / or statutes BWS intentionally violates.^{64.5(Pg.14, Sec.303)}

... Secret to IRS because BWS' lobbying firms reported transactions to Congress and Los Angeles City on a quarterly basis over the past five years, while BWS reported none, as in "0" of those expenses and activities in its Form 990 filings over the same period.⁶⁵

I'm concerned that, by operating in part on valuable land it owns, from a location within a few miles of several competing schools to educate less than 1,200 students, many of whom aren't local residents; this \$52,599,463 per year⁶⁶ K-12 school with a \$40,760 tuition⁶⁷ is not a legitimate nonprofit. Nor do I believe its' ethical for the school to have received \$67,956,143 in iBank bonds^{68,69,70} from California taxpayers to build luxurious developments out of code; nor legitimate for this school that does not Principally Serve Veterans and their Families to qualify for its' California Welfare and Veterans Certificate exemption from the State's property tax⁷¹. Earlier this year, the California State Board of Equalization reported to me BWS' Certificate was never assessed under the current Program.

Last month, BWS conspired with a lobbyist who may now be employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a "Veterans Service Organization Liaison" - who solicited California State leaders of the largest Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organizations to support his interest in BWS buying about 30-acres of WLA VA land it's illegally using for merely \$50,000,000... Purportedly to finance a WLA VA sewer system upgrade preventing the construction of disabled Veteran housing at WLA VA⁷². It is illegal to sell WLA VA land.

Amid the fact none of the 490 of 1,200 housing units for disabled Veterans at the WLA VA originally due over six months ago^{2(Pg.xi)} are built, no official reports of sewer systems causing construction delays are found. Sworn witness Declarations and other records of the meeting evidence no written documents substantiating the privatization pitch were presented to the attending VSO leaders.

Misinformation, misrepresentation, fraud, negligence and a general lack of ethics are evident throughout BWS operations. Recently: the school's staff appeared entertained by a few students racist, amateur productions^{73,74,75}, a BWS teacher was convicted for distributing narcotics to minors⁷⁶, the same teacher (BWS refused to fire) is now in prison for repeat statutory rapes of a student on and off campus^{77,78,79} (including at WLA VA) and the school's marketing executive was convicted twice in the ongoing College Admissions Scandal⁸⁰.

Please research and investigate substantial facts and allegations of Brentwood School and other WLA VA illegal land users tax violations and where applicable; fraud against disabled U.S. Veterans, Public Lands and our General Welfare.

I'm ready, willing and able to provide any additional information IRS may want to review on this matter; within reason and presuming I have it.

Sincerely,

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- TED LIEU -

In 2015 - he stopped the eviction of an illegal land user that hadn't paid a dime in years, so they could keep running an illegal soccer club, exactly where the first 150 newly-constructed units of housing for homeless Veterans was originally promised to be built by 2018... It's still a soccer field.

In 2015 - he said the Soldiers Home is not for homeless Veterans, in a joint news article with his Brentwood Community Council Corporation donors with illegal WLA VA Soldiers Home land users on its board.

In 2019 - he held a Public Meeting about the WLA VA Soldiers Home without telling anyone about it, except the developers presenting to you now. When Veterans found out and attended, he and Janet Turner handed them index cards and little pencils, before telling them to sit in the back of the hall and not ask questions... While the others in front could ask all they want.

Since that day, Ted Lieu has been hiding from Veterans at the Soldiers Home, despite at least 25 requests to meet with them there... Radio silence.

Brentwood Reports: West L.A. VA 'housing is not in itself a solution'

August 2015

By Westside Today Staff

Brentwood Community Council Chair Larry Watts Reports on Last Week's Meeting of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:

Congressman Ted Lieu attended the monthly meeting of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) this week. He was peppered with many questions relating to veterans and the ongoing development of a Master Plan for the WLA VA Campus in Brentwood.

His responses reflected a genuine commitment to our veterans and to improving operations for veterans at the WLA VA Campus. He acknowledged that the VA had allowed the campus to wither and was not fully carrying out its mission to provide services to veterans, as exemplified by the padlocked front gate.

Congressman Lieu made clear that as part of the Master Plan, the VA is determined to improve services to veterans on the campus, including addressing the needs of homeless veterans. However, he made clear it neither makes sense nor is it the VA's objective to have the campus become the depository for large numbers of homeless veterans. He pointed out that housing is not in itself a solution.

The underlying causes, which may be substance abuse, mental health issues, etc., require treatment and must be provided to allow veterans to escape from long term homelessness. However, these supportive services cannot be successfully delivered by housing large numbers in any single location. Accordingly, using HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, the VA intends to seek housing for homeless vets throughout GLA and not concentrate them on the WLA VA Campus.

For the most part this will require finding private housing.

The VA, along with the City of LA and the County of LA are identifying private property owners throughout GLA who will accept homeless vets as tenants. Importantly, we were told HUD-VASH vouchers not only provide rental assistance, they include case management and clinical services provided by the VA.

According to Lieu, the VA has found housing for about 1,800 vets so far this year under the HUD-VASH program. That's frankly quite amazing if the total homeless vet population in GLA is actually around the 4,000 figure mentioned by the VA at last week's Design Open House. But my experience is that the number seems to be something of a moving target. The Congressman acknowledged this and suggested this variation apparently arises in part because of the highly publicized push to provide accommodations for homeless vets in GLA. As a result, he said homeless vets from other areas appear to be moving here to take advantage of the VA commitment to locate housing in GLA.

Congressman Lieu said one obstacle preventing the VA from helping all homeless vets is legal. The VA is forbidden by current law from providing services to any vet who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge. He had no data on the number of homeless vets who received a dishonorable or BCD. My guess would be that the homeless vet population likely has a larger percentage with a disqualifying discharge status than the general vet population. Because of this, Lieu is pressing legislation to allow the VA to help homeless vets without regard to the category of discharge they received.

On the so-called "enhanced use leases" question, Congressman Lieu and Senators Feinstein and Boxer are sponsoring legislation to allow the VA to carry out leases at the 387-acre campus with third parties that benefit disadvantaged veterans, including homeless, disabled, aging and women veterans. He explained that help for veterans is one subject with genuine bi-partisan in Washington and he is hopeful the bill will become law.

On a tangential issue, the Purple Line is not scheduled to reach the WLA VA Campus until 2035. Funds to build the line will become available over time through local sales tax and other local revenues. The Congressman was asked whether the federal government could loan the MTA money to speed up the timetable for completing the Purple Line. This would make it easier for vets to get to the VA for medical or other appointments. It should also help our overall Westside transportation gridlock. Lieu will check on this.

For more information about the West L.A. VA Master Plan, visit www.helpouselavets.com.

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Rep. Lieu's representative is aware as is Cam Gore.

Thank you.

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Folks: Hi. FYI, the below email. We'll need to discuss. Thanks.—Cam.

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To: Kane, Vincent; Gore, Cameron
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Good morning Vince and Cam,

I bet you were wondering when my first email would come in. Our Washington office was contacted by the youth soccer organization that has the lease at the VA. I have forwarded their email below. Thanks for taking a look and reaching out.

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From (b) (6) [REDACTED] [@fclosangeles.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@fclosangeles.org)
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 12:19 PM
To: D'Annibale, Jack
Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: West LA VA Eviction Notice

Hi Mr. D'Annibale,

Could you advise me of who to contact on behalf of Congressman Lieu regarding the West LA VA Campus and "Exit Strategy" discussion for Lessees? I a (b) (6) [REDACTED] for a local non-profit/youth soccer club that built and maintains MacArthur Field for the use of Veterans and children, and we just received a letter notifying us to immediately leave the premises without engaging in "Exit Strategy" discussions as dictated in the Settlement Agreement.

Before the families of thousands of kids make this is a very public issue, I would like to connect with the proper representatives and have a reasonable discussion.

Thank you,

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

RT NOTE: It's a complete lie that Breakers built and maintains the field for Veterans, who used to regularly use it for family picnics and sports until Breakers kicked them out.

Quinton, Randy

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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Trinh, Alan; Simmons, Amanda J.
Cc: Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Green, Charles O.
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I'm okay with that. The other club(s) will be notified as well? Thanks

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Randy,

I had a conversation with (b) (6) Breakers Soccer Club this morning – in short, he request that VA allow them to use the field until the end of this season, which is 5/31/2015. I want to confirm with you prior to issuing them the final notice with the end date of 5/31/2015.

Thanks.

Alan

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Cc: Kane, Vincent (b) (6) [@gmail.com](mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com); Weldon, Marie L; Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Gore, Cameron
Subject: FW: West LA, CA Matter - [EXTERNAL] West LA VA Eviction Notice

Folks: Hi. FYI, the below email. We'll need to discuss. Thanks.—Cam.

From: Gore, Cameron
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 2:37 PM
To: (b) (6) Kane, Vincent
Cc: Gore, Cameron
Subject: RE: West LA, CA Matter - [EXTERNAL] West LA VA Eviction Notice

(b) (6) Hi. Thanks for the info. Vince and I will relay to the VISN 22 Contracting Office folks handling these issues. My hunch is this was a Sharing Agreement that expired back around

August 2010. I guess folks are realizing VA is serious about making the campus Veteran centric. Thanks.—Cam.

From (b) (6) [redacted]@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Kane, Vincent; Gore, Cameron
Subject: West LA, CA Matter - [EXTERNAL] West LA VA Eviction Notice

Good morning Vince and Cam,

I bet you were wondering when my first email would come in. Our Washington office was contacted by the youth soccer organization that has the lease at the VA. I have forwarded their email below. Thanks for taking a look and reaching out.

(b) (6)

(b) (6) [redacted]
Office of Rep. Ted W. Lieu (CA-33)
(b) (6) [redacted]

From (b) (6) [redacted]@fclosangeles.org]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 12:19 PM
To: D'Annibale, Jack
C (b) (6) [redacted]
Subject: West LA VA Eviction Notice

Hi Mr. D'Annibale,

Could you advise me of who to contact on behalf of Congressman Lieu regarding the West LA VA Campus and "Exit Strategy" discussion for Lessees? I am President of the Board for a local non-profit/youth soccer club that built and maintains MacArthur Field for the use of Veterans and children, and we just received a letter notifying us to immediately leave the premises without engaging in "Exit Strategy" discussions as dictated in the Settlement Agreement.

Before the families of thousands of kids make this is a very public issue, I would like to connect with the proper representatives and have a reasonable discussion.

Thank you,

RT NOTE: It's a complete lie that Breakers built and maintains the field for Veterans, who used to regularly use it for family picnics and sports until Breakers kicked them out.

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Trinh, Alan

From: Trinh, Alan
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 5:38 PM
To: (b) (6) @roadrunner.com
Cc: (b) (6) @fclosangeles.org; Quinton, Randy; Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Simmons, Amanda J.; Wyatt, Myla I; Trinh, Alan; Green, Charles O.
Subject: Sharing Agreement No.: V691S-5309_VA/Westside Breakers Soccer Club
Attachments: Westside Breakers Soccer Club Termination Ltr._4.8.15.pdf

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April 8, 2015

Westside Breakers Soccer Club/Galaxy Alliance Soccer Club

(b) (6)

1415 Palisades Dr.
Palisades, CA 90272

(b) (6) @roadrunner.com

RE: Sharing Agreement No.: V691S-5309

Dear (b) (6)

On January 28, 2015, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Plaintiffs' representatives in the case of *Valentini v. McDonald*, reached a historic settlement regarding the future use of the VA West Los Angeles campus. The settlement agreement (a/k/a the "Principles Document") is publically available on the internet. I have enclosed a copy for your review and convenience.

In light of the foregoing, please be advised that the VA no longer plans to grant or allow future third party land use rights on the VA West Los Angeles Campus unless the land use significantly benefits Veterans, particularly homeless and underserved Veterans populations within the Greater Los Angeles area. Accordingly, this letter is to hereby notify Breakers Soccer Club to cease utilizing MacArthur Field, as well as any other location on the VA West Los Angeles Medical Center campus immediately. Please terminate all check and/or electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments made payable to US Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, to include VA West Los Angeles Medical Center for the use of MacArthur Field. Additionally, please remove Westside Breakers Soccer Club, and or its affiliate's signage from the premises.

Please feel free to contact me at (562) 766-2271, or via email at Alan.Trinh@va.gov if you have any questions, or need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Alan Trinh
Deputy Director of Contracting

cc: File

Dr. Syke McDougall, Acting Network Director, VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network (VISN 22)
Steve Young, Acting Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS)
Sheila Nematollahi-Rad, Capital Asset Manager, VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network (VISN 22)
Amanda J. Simmons, Contracting Officer, Network Contracting Office 22 (NCO 22)

Quinton, Randy

From: Quinton, Randy
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:23 PM
To: Trinh, Alan; Genovese, Janine (VISN 22)
Subject: RE: Sharing Agreement No.: V691S-5309_VA/Westside Breakers Soccer Club

Thank you Alan. I think this is a very equitable solution.

Janine: Can you let Leticia know the agreement with Westside Breakers will end 5/31/15?

thanks

Randy Quinton

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Cc: Quinton, Randy; Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Simmons, Amanda J.; Wyatt, Myla I; Green, Charles O. (b) (6) c (b) (6) (b) (6) @lacity.org (b) (6)
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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7:29 PM
To: Trinh, Alan
Cc: Simmons, Amanda J.; Green, Charles O.; Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Wyatt, Myla I
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Sharing Agreement No.: V691S-5309_VA/Westside Breakers Soccer Club

No update. I'll ask Vince tomorrow. The AIDS/Lifecycle event is the problem du jour

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From: Trinh, Alan
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 4:54 PM
To: Quinton, Randy
Cc: Simmons, Amanda J.; Green, Charles O.; Nematollahi-Rad, Sheila (VISN 22); Wyatt, Myla I; Trinh, Alan
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Hi Randy:

Any updates on this? I will hold off on responding until I hear from you.

Alan

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Alan: Per Vince Kane, the mayor's office is trying to find an alternative space. Let's give him a couple of days to see if that develops before we respond to her. I hope that at a minimum, Vince can get a contact for her to work with.

Thanks

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- THOMAS SAFRAN -

A few months ago, he said to one of us on the phone that "...if I had it my way, there'd never be more than 25% of tenants in any of my buildings who are homeless Veterans."

Thomas Safran & Associates is running the show while U.S. Vets talks to Veterans. Running the show includes getting a lot of taxpayer bonds, free land for 99-years, free of tax, additional tax credits, building nothing at VA in several years, building a new office building for himself next to it and now asking (or U.S. Vets asking) for even more taxpayer funds.

A BRIEF ON THE WEST LOS ANGELES VA LAND USE RACKET

(Thomas Safran & Associates Related Exerpt)

June 8th, 2011

Disabled and homeless Veterans and their Veteran Representatives filed a Federal Action (Valentini v. Shinseki) against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for Damages due Plaintiff Caused by mostly private, illegal third-party land users at the West Los Angeles VA (WLA VA).¹

The West Los Angeles VA is Federal land surrounded by the unincorporated County of Los Angeles. It was Deeded with money to the United States Government, in a Public Trust to permanently maintain as a Home for disabled Veterans. The U.S. Government assigned our Department of Veterans Affairs to manage it. Amid the ongoing WLA VA land use scandal's mortal impact on disabled Veterans and the progressive, rapid and illegal eviction of disabled Veterans from WLA VA (particularly since the formation of Vets Advocacy, Inc.) - the WLA VA uninterruptedly remains in practice; a Home for disabled Veterans since 1887.

August 6th, 2012

Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp LeJeune Families Act " becomes Public Law 112-154.² This law authorizes DVA to enter into enhanced use leases, easements, construction agreements and other land use agreements at DVA properties, but only for express, limited purposes of housing and healthcare projects exclusively for Veterans; and the terms of an enhanced-use lease may not provide for any acquisition, contract, demonstration, exchange, grant, incentive, procurement, sale, other transaction authority, service agreement, use agreement, lease, or lease-back by the Secretary or Federal Government."

August 29th, 2013

U.S. Federal Court Judgement for disabled and homeless Veteran Plaintiffs in Valentini v. Shinseki - whereby the third parties' purported land-use agreements and any amendments thereto with Defendant DVA were Ordered "Null and Void".³ Two members of Plaintiffs' Counsel continue representing them: Ronald Olson and Gary Blasi. Blasi is also a Law Professor, Law School Director, Contractor and Counsel to UCLA. UCLA is one of the illegal WLA VA land users subject to the Federal Court Order. Blasi is also a contractor to RAND Corporation.⁴

October 21st, 2013

After U.S. Federal Court adjudicated each claim and closed the Valentini v. Shinseki Action for the prevailing disabled and homeless Veteran Plaintiffs; the Court denies subsequent motions from non-Valentini v. Shinseki parties; the University of California (UCLA) and Brentwood School, to intervene and vacate the Court's August 29th, 2013 Judgement and Order.⁵

January 3rd, 2015

Ted Lieu is elected to his freshman term in the U.S. House of Representatives, of California's 33rd District. Lieu's former employer(s) - Ronald Olson and his Munger Tolles & Olson law firm were Lieu's largest campaign donors (and remain top-donors to his subsequent campaigns).⁶

January 8th, 2015

U.S. Federal Court issues a Restraining Order against DVA and a private, illegal WLA VA land user refusing to vacate amid a Court-Ordered "Null and Void" land use agreement; from a private construction project they illegally engaged at WLA VA, despite the foregoing.⁷

January 26th, 2015

Ronald Olson forms Vets Advocacy⁸ - a California 501(c)(3) he's CEO of, originally located at the L.A. offices of Munger Tolles & Olson.⁹ At the time Olson is an attorney and co-owner of the Munger, Tolles & Olson law firm, Trustee (and former Chairman) of the RAND Corporation, Board Director of Berkshire Hathaway, Board Member of the Western Asset Funds and Board Director of The Washington Post.¹⁰ Western Asset Premiere Bond Fund deals in DVA backed mortgages and Chinese international real estate holdings.¹¹ Olson retains the foregoing positions except RAND and The Washington Post. Another Munger, Tolles & Olson co-founder is Berkshire Hathaway Vice Chairman, Charlie Munger, who lost his bid to develop a shopping mall in Brentwood; about three blocks East of the WLA VA.¹²

Vets Advocacy is capitalized with: \$1,000,000 donation from Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffet's son Howard, \$520,000 worth of Yume, Inc stock from John Doerr, \$250,000 donation from the Chartwell Charitable Foundation, \$40,000 from Munger Tolles & Olson, \$25,000 from the Weingart Foundation and \$27,231 from the Committee to Elect Bobby Shriver Supervisor 2014. Olson appoints Bobby Shriver as Secretary and Gary Blasi as Board Member of Vets Advocacy.¹³ Vets Advocacy 2015 Form 990 states:

*...CY IS A PRIVATELY-FUNDED, NON-PROFIT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION
TO FACILITATE THE REVITALIZATION OF THE WEST LOS ANGELES
FAIRS CAMPUS AS A CONDITION OF THE VALENTINI VS SHINSEKI
VETS ADVOCACY IS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING WELL-BEING AND
HOMELESSNESS IN LA'S VETERAN COMMUNITY THROUGH ADVOCACY
THAT UNIFY KEY STAKEHOLDERS STRATEGICALLY IN ORDER TO GALVANIZE
WILL AT LOCAL, STATE , AND NATIONAL LEVELS"*

January 27th, 2015

One day after Vets Advocacy is Formed and Gary Blasi, who is of Counsel to both Valentini v. Shinseki Plaintiffs and Intervenor-Defendent UCLA becomes Vets Advocacy's Board Member; Gary Blasi Declares to the Court under Penalty of Perjury that, among other things, his disabled and homeless Veteran Clients, whom are the Prevailing Plaintiffs in Valentini v. Shinseki; want the Court to Vacate their Prevailing Judgement and Order(s)... Because the Prevailing disabled and homeless Veteran Plaintiffs, amid no settlement nor express stipulation to settle (the case they already won); purportedly Agreed to end litigation in result of oral discussions directly with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. There are no attachments to the Declaration.⁴

January 28th, 2015

Two days after Vets Advocacy is Formed - Ronald Olson, Bobby Shriver, VA Secretary Robert McDonald, Eric Garcetti and Ted Lieu Publicly announced the Valentini v. Shinseki (McDonald) lawsuit was settled this day.^{14,15} Shriver, McDonald and the Brentwood School started working together back in 2009¹⁶, when McDonald was in his first year as Proctor & Gamble's CEO.¹⁷ Shriver made the following statement during the press conference, in response to SCPR inquiring what Shriver envisions for WLA VA's near future:

"There's no Starbucks. There's no dry cleaner. There's no community. There's no restaurant." ¹⁸

The uncanny air of the Press Conference has something to do with the fact McDonald, Shriver and Olson were blatantly lying to the Public. No settlement existed; not even a stipulation of settlement was filed in Court at the time.

Valentini v. Shinseki key Plaintiff and Vietnam Veterans of America President Steve Mackey stated the following, on April 4th, 2015:

...ver, Olson, and Bob McDonald, who are long lost friends, got together
...n this plan to sign an agreement to drop the lawsuit and go into
...on what to do with the land at West LA. After they had made their plans
...y called for a press conference to announce their plans they had one of
... call me to tell me they had reached an agreement and what that
... was. The lawyer said it was a done deal..."

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... A statement Mackey made several times on Record, usually to the Press, in absence of his former Counsels' response.²⁰

What the Olson, Shriver and McDonald were misrepresenting as a purported settlement, was no more than a three page document, signed between Olson and McDonald, entitled:

Partnership and Framework for Settlement By and Between the U.S.

of Veterans Affairs and Representatives of the Plaintiffs - Valentini v. McDonald

"²¹

The expressly unenforceable document, that expressly does not claim to be any settlement, merely represents Olson and McDonald's shared interests. To be clear, Olson and MacDonald

The expressly unenforceable document is not intended to be enforceable in any court

..."

Principles and Document is subject to otherwise applicable legal obligations and

es ."

Among those interests were to:

- a) Move the Court to Vacate its' Judgement and all substantive decisions and orders by January 20th, 2015.
- b) Coordinate a unified, positive message to the press, community and stakeholders.
- c) Develop a homeless strategy and action plan for the City of Los Angeles by February 13th, 2015.
- d) Finalize a new Master Plan for the WLA VA by October 15th, 2015.
- e) Engage an urban planning firm by June 15th, 2015 to help VA develop a Master Plan they think is optimal.
- f) Include the Documents objective and goals, as well as their Master Plan in the DVA Strategic Capital Investment Plan's ten year planning process.
- g) Develop an exit strategy for non-VA entities at WLA VA that aren't complying with Public Law or their new Master Plan, but only if Lawful.

- h) Designate a National Expert on Homelessness to develop their strategy and action plan for Greater Los Angeles and oversee its' execution; while serving as a Special Assistant to the VA Secretary.
- i) Identify and matchmake stakeholders, decision-makers, housing and homelessness experts, State and local political leaders, charitable and philanthropic entities and others who wish to contribute or provide resources to their effort.
- j) End Veteran homelessness in Greater Los Angeles in 2015.
- k) Form a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation to work with DVA, Federal, State and Local Authorities; community partners, charities and philanthropic entities to help meet their objectives and goals. This 501(c)(3) corporation is the two day old, Vet's Advocacy, Inc.

March 23rd, 2015

The U.S. Federal Court Grants UCLA and Brentwood School's motion to dismiss their Notices of Appeal in Valentini v. Shinseki.²²

October 6th, 2015

Senator Dianne Feinstein's *Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015* " (S.2013)²³; a Bill to reform the Camp Lejeune Act (PL 112-154) by significantly broadening provisions for private third-parties to lease DVA property, but only at WLA VA. The Bill includes a mandate that UCLA's WLA VA lease ruled "Null and Void" by the Court in August of 2013³, instead remain at WLA VA for at least another decade... Literally a Public Law to protect an illegal lease for a baseball field. Feinstein's husband, Richard C. Blum, is a UC Regent; i.e. - Intervenor-Defendent in Valentini v. Shinseki who is directly involved with the illegal UCLA lease at WLA VA.²⁴

October 15th, 2015

Completion of *Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus Draft Final Master Plan: Planning a Community for Veterans* " (889 Pages).²⁵

Prepared by HOK and other Contractors to the Department of Veterans Affairs, under the undue influence of Vets Advocacy, by illicit fiat of a purported "settlement".²¹

This Preliminary Plan includes a Vets Advocacy Survey, a "VSO Coalition Survey" by Vets Advocacy, a Bandini Foundation Proposal to operate a golf course, a proposal to protect the privately operated public parking lot near Brentwood Village, a proposal from the Brentwood School, a proposal from L.A. City Department of Recreation and Parks, a proposal from the Veterans Park Conservancy involving a Historic Preservation strategy, a proposal from the Westside Breakers, a proposal from UCLA to Senator Dianne Feinstein and a transcribed copy of one of the several underlying Deeds (originals still intact) of the WLA VA permanently maintained in Public Trust to disabled Veterans.

Amid the proposals from illegal land users with "Null and Void" agreements by Federal Court Order(s)^{3, 7}; their "Exit Strategy"²⁶ and any land-use plan by Veterans for Veterans are absent from the 889 page document.

The Plan itself discloses no information whatsoever about any proposed or purportedly planned Purple Line Station, Extension or other underground transit related development involving the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Federal Transit Agency nor any other entity ^{27, 28} ; beyond a few words in a separator page regarding a "conceptually planned" "Metro Rail Station" "near the intersection".²⁹ It does frequently mention plans and sites of and for Metro Bus transit routes and stations, as well as bike routes.

Before, during and after the Preliminary Plan's publication - Metro was planning and constructing above-ground rail systems and stations throughout Los Angeles County, including locations in West Los Angeles, Culver City and Santa Monica; by which the Public reasonably perceived any "Rail Station" proposed at WLA VA that's not mentioned in the Preliminary Plan, is among several developments outside the WLA VA... Especially amid no outreach by Metro to Veterans (and locals) about such a Station by that time.

The Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan is an overhaul of prior privatization plans for WLA VA, published between 1988 - 2011.^{30, 31} It's also the first and only, post-Valentini v. Shinseki Draft Master Plan version permitting Veterans' (very limited and unduly influenced) participation.

According to the Plan's Stakeholder Engagement Appendix - a total of 168 Veterans attended meetings related to the Plan while it was under development, in the following ways:

64 Veterans attended, but did not speak at Weekly Design Open Houses for the General Public.

87 Veterans attended and spoke at 5 of 9 Town Halls and Neighborhood Community Meetings for the General Public. Half of the speakers in one of those meetings were Veterans and 20% more non-Veterans spoke than Veterans did in another. Town Hall meetings usually provide each speaker a minute to present a question pre-selected by the host, without being able to comment on a response to it.

4 of the meetings proceeded without Veterans attending and / or speaking; of which 1 was a non-Veteran town hall, two were hosted by unrecognized neighborhood councils and one was hosted by a Los Angeles Neighborhood Council. 1 of the 2 unrecognized neighborhood council meetings was hosted by private Special Interests of an area approximately 5 miles away from the WLA VA.

17 Veterans spoke in 3 of 6 Key Stakeholder Group Meetings, whereat those Veterans were outnumbered by non-Veteran speakers representing local Special Interests, DVA, Federal Contractors to DVA and the Los Angeles City Mayor.

On or around Page 875 of the Plan is a Fiduciary statement, legal analysis and notice by "VA Office of General Counsel" on "VA Authorities Involving Housing Components for Veterans" dated "10/15/2015". The first paragraph on that page as follows:

Enhanced-Use Lease Authority: 38 U.S.C. §§ 8161-8169 authorizes VA to outlease VA property to a selected developer/lessee for up to 75 years, to develop and operate a supportive housing" facility as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 8161(3). (Note: VA is currently prohibited from doing Enhanced-Use Leases at the West LA VAMC campus, due to the Einstein Amendment" (Section 224 of Public Law 110-161)).

The paragraph is patently false; and one of so many writings substantially evident of ongoing conspiracy to defraud disabled Veterans from land use at WLA VA and Our General Welfare by subsidizing it. Lay people readily know this because Section 224 of Public Law 110-161 makes no warrant, mandate nor prohibitive provision limiting DVA's pre-existing leasing authorities (before 2012). Contrarily, the purported and unnoticed "Einstein Amendment" assertively protects those leasing authorities as follows:

(b) SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING LEASE WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOMELESS.—Notwithstanding any provision of this Act, section 7 of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Services Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-590) shall remain in effect. ³²

To be indisputably clear about these facts and evidence, Notice the foregoing, cited Section 7 of Public Law 102-590 above provides:

SEC. 7. AUTHORITY TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR EXTENDED LEASE TERMS. ³³

THORITY.—Notwithstanding section 8122(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may lease to a representative of the homeless for a term in excess of three years any real property at the Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center for which an application of the lease for the use of the property has been approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 501(e) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(e)). Any such lease shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(f)).

(b) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not lease real property under subsection (a) for a term in excess of three years to a representative of the homeless unless the representative agrees to use the property only as a location for the provision of services to homeless veterans and the families of such veterans.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "representative of the homeless" has the meaning given such term in section 501(h)(4) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411(h)(4)).

Furthermore, much of the foregoing citations were moot by the date of the anonymous and purported "VA Office of General Counsel" Member's fiduciary statement; considering the supercedent provisions on DVA's leasing authorities since August 6th, 2012 prevailed in Public Law 112-154, *Homeless Veterans and Caring for Camp LeJeune*

es Act". Thus We Notice more premeditated intent and conspiracy to reform mandated WLA VA land use serving disabled Veterans' Public Trust; by misrepresenting the purported need and benefits of enacting one of many West Los Angeles [Homeless] Leasing Act Bills which Dianne Feinstein²³, Jeff Miller³⁴, Ted Lieu³⁵, Ronald Olson²¹, Munger Tolles & Olson⁶, Vets Advocacy³⁶, UCLA²³, Brentwood School³⁷, Veterans Park Conservancy³⁸, Brentwood Community Council³⁹, Brentwood Village Stakeholders⁴⁰, Brentwood Village Chamber of Commerce⁴¹, Los Angeles City Council⁴², Thomas Safran & Associates⁴³ and Certain Others were campaigning and / or lobbying for. In essence, intentionally fooling disabled Veterans and U.S. Taxpayers into unknowingly supporting Our own demise.

October 22nd, 2015

Notice: Los Angeles VA Medical Center; Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan-Public Comment Period "44

Signed and / or Approved for Publication in Federal Register & Regulations.gov by:

William F. Russo - Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Robert L. Nabors II, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs

Notice of availability of a Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan for the WLA VA and solicitation for written comments to regulations.gov by December 7th, 2015. The underlying document is a non-preliminary draft. Link to unabridged Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan provided with Notice at regulations.gov.

The Notice itself discloses no information whatsoever about any proposed or purportedly planned Purple Line Station, Extension or other underground transit related development involving the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Federal Transit Agency nor any other entity.

November 24th, 2015

U.S. House Representative Ted Lieu personally convenes a quasi-authority named the Elected Officials Council on Veterans^{45, 46}, which Lieu conceived and created. The Open Public Meeting (and its subsequent meetings) are held at the Beverly Hills City Hall, parking is not free and no Public Notices or Invitations are published or distributed prior to the Event(s). Among the purportedly relevant Council Members are:

- Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold
- Beverly Hills Vice Mayor John Mirisch
- Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown
- Santa Monica City Council Member Ted Winterer
- Malibu Mayor John Sibert
- Palos Verdes Estates City Council Member Betty Lin Peterson
- Hermosa Beach Mayor Carolyn Petty
- Los Angeles City Council Member of District 4, David Ryu
- Los Angeles City Council Member of District 5 Staff, Paul Koretz
- Los Angeles City Council Member of District 9 Staff, Curren Price
- Los Angeles City Council Member of District 3 Staff, Bob Blumenfield

... Most of the purported quasi-Council Members either do not represent the WLA VA in any way, do not represent a district adjacent to that of the WLA VA, are not Veterans or some to all of the foregoing.

The purpose of the quasi-Council's inaugural meeting is promoting Ted Lieu and Senator Dianne Feinstein's near-identical bills to thoroughly reform the Camp Lejeune Act, but only at the WLA VA. Notice Feinstein's husband, Richard C. Blum, is a UC Regent and as of 2005 owned approximately 75% of voting stock in Tutor Perini²⁴; the Contractor LACMTA awarded to construct the proposed WLA VA PLE before it was financed ^{47, 48}.

By this date, Tutor Perini was already notorious for improper bidding, breach of contract and frauds related to several projects including subways in San Francisco^{49, 50}. A few years earlier Tutor Perini Civil Division President Zohrab Marshalian committed suicide two days before his Federal Sentencing hearing for fraud and money laundering convictions⁵¹. One conviction involved bribing minority firms that were scheduled but did not perform company contracts, to run company staff through their payrolls and fabricate invoices.

The meetings presenters were Vets Advocacy co-appointed Special Assistants to the VA Secretary; Vincent Kane and Heidi Marston... As well as Vet's Advocacy employee Jonathan Shersby who was billed as *Dr. the former Plaintiffs in Valentini v.*

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The meeting is included in a list of purported Stakeholders Outreach Events in the Draft Master Plan.

Lieu subsequently Introduced legislation in Congress to authorize the Elected Officials Council on Veterans for five years⁵², but it hasn't been voted on as of July 7th, 2020.

December 1st, 2015

The Brentwood Community Council (BCC), a Special Interest lobby^{52, 53} that is not recognized as a Los Angeles Neighborhood Council⁵⁴ convened its monthly meeting. Representative Ted Lieu's deputy, Janet Turner, who regularly attends the meetings; informs BCC that Lieu is sponsoring H.R. 3484 - a Bill to reform WLA VA land use to permit a broader range of private third party access and easements. Turner distributed copies of the Bill, with those terms pre-highlighted, to the BCC Board; because Lieu was seeking their suggestions⁵⁵. The BCC Board immediately suggested the language protect an illegal parking lot lease that would eventually go down in a \$14,000,000 fraud and conspiracy conviction; placing the operator and former WLA VA contractor he bribed in Federal prison^{56, 57}.

BCC Chair Nancy Freedman reminds the Council that BCC will host a first-ever event at the Luxe Hotel in Bel Air; honoring developer Thomas Safran with a first-ever award. ⁵⁸ On January 24th, 2016 - the Beverly Hills Courier published a story about the gala, featuring an arm-in-arm, group portrait of Thomas Safran, Eric Garcetti, Ben Allen, Mike Feuer, Mike Bonin and Ted Lieu.⁵⁹ Nancy Freedman, like many BCC Board Members, are known to make insulting Public statements against disabled Veterans Lawful Rights to the West Los Angeles VA^{60, 61}. The BCC is also responsible for orchestrating illegal "cleanups" of disabled homeless Veterans encamped outside the WLA VA gate since refused the genuine services they're entitled to⁶².

When it became apparent that members of Veterans Services Organizations and local Veterans Civil Rights Advocates would put an end to these false arrests of disabled homeless Veterans and destruction of their tents⁶²; the BCC unsuccessfully attempted, with the assistance of Brentwood School's Valentini v. Shinseki Law Firm⁶³ (which Meghan Serwin Flanz is an alum of⁶⁴) to overturn Martin v. Boise⁶⁵, which affirmed homeless persons' Federal Right to shelter in tents on Public sidewalks in absence of nearby shelter⁶⁶. On Page 13 of the BCC's May 24, 2019 Homeless Presentation, it advocated for supporting "... a law that would lower the current mental health standard of 'graveley disabled' to 'unable to make personal medical decisions' in order for first responders and ER doctors to admit homeless patients for mental health evaluations..."⁶⁷ Amid BCC's interest in homeless people, the only group of homeless persons in Brentwood it focuses on, are the homeless disabled Veterans at the gates of the WLA VA... An interest so fervent the BCC incredulously wanted to buy the Los Angeles County Sidewalk the Veterans are sheltering at.⁶⁸ Notice that Bringham sidewalk has no businesses or residences on it and is rarely used by pedestrians; even before homeless disabled Veterans sheltered there.

December 7th, 2015

West Los Angeles Campus Preliminary Draft Final Master Plan Independent
" (298 Pages)

Prepared by Johnson Fain under contract to Vets Advocacy, Inc.

Two days after the final cutoff date for comments on the Draft Final Master Plan for the WLA VA (as declared within said Plan) - Vets Advocacy published an Independent Review of said plan, that it contracted Johnson Fain to perform. There is no Notice in the Federal Register or Regulations.gov of the availability of this Review, nor any evidence of a reasonable public distribution of it among the local and / or National Veterans community. The Review is Presumably intended for private review by Vets Advocacy, DVA; and private philanthropists, charities, developers and others - as readily evident in the Document Olson, McDonald, Blasi, Garcetti, Shriver and others misrepresented as a settlement agreement for Valentini v. Shinkseki (McDonald).

This Review document was created at 10:06AM on December 7th, 2015, Modified at 11:29AM on December 7th, 2015 and authored by David Alpaugh.

The following is an excerpt of the Review document's Introduction Section:

"Four years of hard-fought litigation followed, with no apparent line of sight to a resolution, but a turning point came with the appointment of Robert A. McDonald as the Secretary of the VA in July 2014. Secretary McDonald and lawyers and advocates for the Valentini plaintiffs together envisioned a path to partnership between VA

representatives. On January 28, 2015, Secretary McDonald and the representatives entered into a historic settlement of the Valentini litigation. The settlement, VA and the plaintiffs' representatives pledged to cooperate together in good faith to coordinate preparation of a new master plan for the campus."

For-profit corporation, Vets Advocacy, Inc., today submits the following comments and recommendations on the preliminary draft master plan published by VA in the Federal Register on October 22, 2015 (the "Draft").

The Comment Document presents many perspectives regarding the Draft – from Vets Advocacy, from the plaintiffs' representatives, from leaders in veterans' communities, and directly from individual veterans themselves. It is submitted in the spirit of partnership with VA and with the shared goal of serving those we sent to war on behalf of our country."

The Draft is the product of an appreciable amount of effort and useful work that was accomplished within a relatively compressed timeline, and should be recognized as such. It has resulted in an initial foundation of work upon which the community can constructively comment and build to make a stronger master plan, and this Comment Document offers recommendations accordingly."

... Notice express purpose and intent of "community", as opposed to Veterans. Such is expected, considering the entire Review is singularly commissioned by a private company to a private, non Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Contractor; for \$166,030 of the \$1,994,512 of donations and grants Vet's Advocacy received from private Special Interests in 2015.

The review abundantly states, reiterates and advocates for mixed use developments, general public access, commercial retail business and other use and residency by non-Veterans. A few excerpts from the Review of many similar statements therein are:

"Revise the physical master plan to include a mixed-use "Reintegration Zone" where nonresident veterans as well as resident veterans can connect with the broader Los Angeles community through employment, education and training. Select a site with public visibility and direct public access from city streets and public transportation, including the future Purple Line subway station."

"Incorporate consideration for how the campus will affect and be affected by the changes and developments of the neighboring area. In particular, the expected expansion of the Metro Purple line will have a significant impact on the circulation and urban development for the area."

*the West LA Campus can be entirely open to the public and _____
able from the surrounding local urban landscape. This area will act as a _____
space for the campus where people can mix, meet and engage in daily _____
amongst the general public.* _____

*stant that this space be connected to the larger community and be located _____
e walking distance to points of transportation such as Wilshire Boulevard
urple Line Subway Station."*

*ately, the Draft does not fully elaborate on the accessibility of resources on
t LA Campus and in the surrounding Los Angeles area. It has no discussion of
r the West LA Campus will be closed or open or mixed in different zones."* _____

*are a number of ideas as to how bridge this gap including creating a business _____
t that is completely open to the public, provide classes or services that the
de community can enjoy as well as veterans, provide spaces for public museums, _____
monials or celebrations, and more."* _____

*connect the campus operations with non-campus-based community resources
cluding VA satellites, state, county and city systems, non-profit organizations and the _____
ull gamut of private sector entities."* _____

*"Allow more time for community engagement with a wide variety of veterans and other _____
stakeholders."* _____

*"Better define and explain the prioritization of particular populations for housing on
the West LA Campus and the particular housing needs of each population, including _____
housing on the West LA Campus as opposed to in the community."*

*"Develop connections between the West LA Campus and the communities beyond,
including the surrounding neighborhoods and other non-veteran specific groups."* _____

*"To support a core community on the West LA Campus, renovate existing buildings to
create a comfortable yet safe and secure neighborhood ("nest") in which prioritized, _____
homeless veterans have a place to call home and receive supportive services."*

*"Establish a strategic position for, and build a center of gravity on, the campus (a "town _____
square" or "main street") that better connects veterans within the community."*

*"Explore the options of campus "permeability" and program organization that allow for _____
the areas to be community centers that integrate resident veterans, non-resident _____
veterans, and the surrounding communities on campus while still ensuring the safety of _____
select groups and programs."*

West LA Campus into its context, break down its institutional qualities, campus a part of the larger community."

... Amid total absence of outreach by LACMTA, FTA and DVA regarding any Purple Line development at WLA VA by this point in time (and much later); and especially in absence of any mention of any subterranean transit project for WLA VA in the very Draft Plan the Review is supposed to be based on... Notice proof of Vets Advocacy's detailed understanding of what Veterans (and local residents) haven't a clue about.

The following excerpts evidence Vets Advocacy's premeditated intent and campaigns to counteract anticipated comments by Veterans in the Federal Register regarding the Draft Final Master Plan (if they were aware of such opportunity):

Following the public release of the Draft on October 22, 2015, stakeholders were given opportunity to make comments via the Federal Register's website or through a site portal managed by Vets Advocacy, Inc. All comments received by 7:30pm PST December 4, 2015, are considered and collected in this document."

(Note: there was no provision for comments through Vets Advocacy Noticed in the Federal Register - only direct comments to the U.S. Government were provided for)

"Vets Advocacy Inc. orchestrated two ways to collect comments. The first form of comment that was considered in the development of this review, but not individually submitted to the Federal Register, was through meetings with the veterans Leadership Team. The second form of comment was collected through written and recorded submissions to the #VAtheRightWay website and then submitted to the National Registry."

"Vets Advocacy, Inc. held weekly educational meetings (7:30- 9:00PM to accommodate for work schedules) to update and inform veterans in the Los Angeles area about the West LA Campus and the Draft."

"Monday, September 21st: Housing (Vince Kane) Description: Special Assistant to Secretary Robert McDonald and housing specialist Vince Kane presented the history and evolution of housing programs to serve homeless veterans and potentials for the West LA Campus."

"Monday, September 28th: UCLA (Gary Blasi) Description: Gary Blasi, Professor Emeritus at UCLA School of Law and Public Counsel lawyer discussed one of the most contested parcels of land on the West LA Campus: the UCLA baseball stadium. Blasi discussed the history of UCLA's relationship with the VA and educated the group on current legislation, which would allow VA to contract with UCLA to use veteran land."

ber 13th: Public Private Partnership (Kathy Ku, Munger, Tolles, Olson)
Kathy Ku, Partner at Munger, Tolles, Olson LLC, educated veterans on _____
partnerships (P3), provided examples and explained how a P3 could _____
work on the West LA Campus."

to the meetings, Vets Advocacy, Inc. collected comments through written _____
ed submissions to the #VATheRightWay website and then submitted to the _____
register. The pages that follow are a catalog of all comments posted on the
ghtWay and Federal Register websites as of 7:30 pm PST on December 4,
sides the posted comments, the collection also includes additional letters and
nts posted as attachments to one or both of those sites; these are collected at
k of the listings."

Roughly a third of comments Vets Advocacy fostered are by Anonymous persons.

Most of the entities attaching letters to the Review document are private special interests, including: Veterans Park Conservancy, Brentwood Community Council, Brentwood School and the South Brentwood Residents Association. There are also letters from the Public-Private UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (by CEO Philip Washington).

February 5th, 2016

Subsequent to all Veterans and the Public's limited Input on the WLA VA Draft Master Plan; and Eight days after the WLA VA Draft Master Plan of January 28th, 2016 was released and noticed in the Federal Register - VA Secretary Robert McDonald modified the Plan by inserting a new Executive Summary that, among other things, made the following claims:

"The stakeholder engagement process demonstrated the desire from Veterans and the local community to integrate the campus into the surrounding communities."

"The South campus has a significant amount of under-utilized land."

"With the development of Purple Line station, its natural separation from the residential areas of campus and its direct access make the area prime for public interface."

[The WLA ~~VA~~ *VA* ~~is~~ *is* to the Japanese Garden, the Golf Course, soccer fields and the Brentwood School recreational facilities."

The aforementioned additions are not only in direct conflict with Veterans stated interests in the previously closed Input sessions, but the subversive edit of the Plan expressly claims to have been made on January 28th, 2016. One reason we know it happened on February 5th, 2016 - is McDonald forgot to delete the metadata embedded in the edited document proving so.

September 6th, 2016

House Representative ~~West Los Angeles Leasing~~ *'Act of 2016* " (H.R. 5936); a Bill that is nearly identical to the one Feinstein submitted to the Senate months earlier. The key difference, is additional WLA VA land use reform via provisions for Easements to local governments; intended (but not disclosed) to facilitate land giveaway to Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a Purple Line Station at WLA VA, to be completed before the Olympics Games L.A. hoped to host in 2024. Although Metro already planned a station just two blocks East, there's apparent interest in illegally using WLA VA land to host Olympic Events.

September 9th, 2016

House Representative ~~The Los Angeles~~ *'Homeless Veterans Act of 2016* "; a Bill that is nearly identical to H.R. 5936 that was submitted by Jeff Miller three days earlier.

September 29th, 2016

~~West Los Angeles Leasing~~ *'Act of 2016* becomes Public Law 114-226. It effectively mirrors S. 2013, H.R. 5936 and H.R. 3484, with few exceptions. Roughly \$1,000,000 (or more) of Congressional lobbying fueled the Bills behind this Law. Although the Law is a massive reform of the Camp Lejeune Act (PL 112-154), but only regarding the WLA VA; Feinstein, Miller, Lieu, Isaakson and other members of Congress expressly and frequently declare to the Public over the course of respective legislation, that without this Law; DVA is unable to enter into leases with third parties in order to construct and provide housing for disabled and homeless Veterans... In other words, a lie. Every Bill behind this Law was approved by a voice vote after suspending the Rules of Congress, unlike the Camp Lejeune Act; which passed Congress by formal Roll Call Votes.

April 3rd, 2018

DVA announces a nationwide search for a Principle Developer of housing for Veterans at the WLA VA.

November 8th, 2018

77% of Los Angeles Voters approve Proposition HHH; issuing \$1,200,000,000 in property-tax-backed bonds to develop housing for homeless persons. Although most of the funds were available within a year, none of the projects were developed until 2020, less than 100 units of homeless housing is complete and none of them are at the WLA VA.

November 19th, 2018

U.S. Vets Publishes a press release claiming Thomas Safran & Associates, Century Housing Corporation and itself are the Partners in a West L.A. Veterans Collective LLC, that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs selected as the Principal Developer of the entire West Los Angeles VA's non hospital development projects under the Draft Master Plan. The released states the LLC was awarded in result of "... a highly competitive and rigorous evaluation process with multiple responses from qualified local and national housing development and operations teams..."

DVA, U.S. Vets, Century Housing Corporation and Thomas Safran & Associates have never provided documents repeatedly requested by Veterans, Veteran Advocates, Veteran Services Organization Leaders and local residents; for any bids, budgets, ownership information, proposals or report on the selection process by which the LLC was purportedly awarded as the Principal Developer. On November 21st, 2019, Thomas Safran & Associates Vice President of Development Tyler Monroe would tell Veterans Civil Rights Advocate Ryan Thompson in the presence of several witnesses at a meeting in Ted Lieu's Offices that there is only an MOU between Safran, U.S. Vets and Century Housing Corporation regarding the VA Building 207 Project that Thomas Safran is purportedly developing. Monroe refused to provide a copy of said MOU upon Thompson's request in that meeting. Several official Los Angeles City documents would state: a) U.S. Vets and Century Housing Corporation are not partners, b) are a fraction of 0.0001% equity partners but not Developers, c) that Thomas Safran & Associates is the Parent Company of the West L.A. Veterans Collective. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses.

The West L.A. Veterans Collective 2018 Statement of Information with the Secretary of the State of California declares Century Affordable Development as a single member entity and Howard C. Chan as the Controller / Treasurer. Century Affordable Development is a holding company of Century Housing Corporation. Century was originally a California State entity that was privatized in 1995; the only known conversion of a California State Program to a private, nonprofit corporation.

December 21st, 2018

Thomas Safran & Associates is awarded as the WLA VA Principal Developer. DVA and Los Angeles City, amid persistent inquiries; have never provided Safran's plans, bids, budgets, contracts or other evidence of due diligence. What DVA misrepresents to the Public since this day, is that Safran is just one of three developers to renovate Building 207 at the WLA VA. The other two are U.S. Vets and Century Housing; which are Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses. While there are, in fact, a team of three companies awarded the Building 207 renovation contract; Thomas Safran owns two of them, is a partner in the other; but U.S. Vets and Century have nothing to do with any of them. While DVA and Safran also state a significant amount of the Building 207 project financing will be private funds raised by Safran, every penny will come from taxpayers. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

April 17th, 2019

DVA Real Property Law Group Counsel Meghan Serwin Flanz, a non-Veteran alum of the Gibson Dunn law that Brentwood School hired to represent it in Valentini v. Shinseki, states on record that Safran will receive WLA VA land, buildings; as well as operating and management rights thereto for 75 years, free of charge, tax free. By Law; the maximum terms are 50 years without tax exemptions (among other limitations). Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

July 18th, 2019

Thomas Safran hosts a \$2,800 per ticket fundraiser luncheon at his Brentwood home for Joe Biden.

July 20th, 2019

Thomas Safran hosts a \$2,800 - \$25,000 per ticket fundraiser luncheon at his Brentwood home for Kamala Harris.

August 19th, 2019 [Pg.104](#)

HCID Staff Report on Thomas Safran & Associates VA Building 207 Project. Considering \$8,200,000 HHH Bond funding based on a project with 63 (of 64 total) units for homeless Veterans who are at least 62 years old, with a total construction budget of \$31,367,161. 57 units are studios and 6 are one-bedrooms. Per unit cost of \$490,112. Land to be provided by DVA via a 75-year enhanced use lease; yet the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended only permits a maximum 50-year lease. Housing Corporation of America and VA Building 207 LLC are listed as partners in the Project; as well as a "yet to be determined 99.99% Limited Partner". Housing Corporation is a Utah nonprofit that Safran is a partner in. Of the total remaining construction budget: 38% will be private equity investments via the California TCAC Program, 17% will be financed by a convertible bank loan, 7.96% by L.A. County and 3.2% will be financed by a Deferred Developer Fee. It is illegal to privately own WLA VA land and developments / improvement thereupon; even if the developments / improvements are privately funded. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

August 20th, 2019 [Pg.2](#)

HCID recommends \$8,200,000 construction bonds for Thomas Safran & Associates VA Building 207 Project, in review of 3-page Staff Report of August 19th, 2019. No covenant of how long the housing must be for homeless Veterans over 62 years old is published in this or its underlying report. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

September 9th, 2019 [Pg.3](#)

Proposition HHH Oversight Committee approves HCID recommendation to fund Thomas Safran & Associates \$8,200,000 construction bond for VA Building 207 Project, based on 3-page HCID Staff Report on Project from August 19th, 2019. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

October 4th, 2019

Thomas Safran hosts a \$2,800 per ticket fundraiser luncheon at his Brentwood home for Pete Buttigieg.

October 7th, 2019

The City of Los Angeles holds a 30 minute Public Hearing at 9AM on a Monday regarding intent to award Safran \$24,300,000 in HCID Bonds for the WLA VA Building 207 project; which claims the development is for multifamily and individual residential renters of low to moderate income. By Law, the Housing may only be for disabled Veterans. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

November 5th, 2019

U.S. Vets, NBC Universal Vice Chairman Ron Meyer, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, City National Bank CEO Kelly Coffey and others launch the Veterans Fund at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, CA. The Fund's mission statement is to invest \$10,000,000 into WLA VA redevelopment.

November 15th, 2019 Pg.1

Thomas Safran & Associates VA Building 207 California Tax Credit Allocation Committee Application for \$1,312,504 of annual Federal Tax Credits. The " " is declared to be 1.45 acres of a larger, 138 acre parcel. The WLA VA is at least 400 acres of land, as currently recognized by the United States Geological Survey and other Prevailing Authorities.

The following General Partners / Principal Owners are listed as: VA Building 207 LP with 0.0048% Ownership Interest (owned by Thomas Safran & Housing Corp. of America), Housing Corporation of America with 0.0051 Ownership Interest (Utah nonprofit Thomas Safran is partner in) and the West LA Veterans Collective, LLC with a 0.0001 Ownership Interest (owned by Century Housing Corporation but purportedly with partners U.S. Vets and Thomas Safran & Associates). The remaining 99.99% Ownership Interest is not mentioned.

Seller " " of the land and property is The United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The *Seller* "Principal " is Jon J. Rychaiski, an "Assistant Secretary for Management" for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

DISITION Total Land Cost Acquisition Cost of \$425,000 is declared. The West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 as Amended and the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp LeJeune Families Act of 2012, both of which are Public Laws in Effect; prohibit the sale, title transfer, leaseback, aquisition, etc. of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities and land.

The Project construction budget is \$33,353,105 for 59 units of housing for persons with "; itemized as a \$5,900,000 California Community Permanent Bond, \$8,260,000 HCID LA HHH Bond, \$5,750,000 No Place Like Home Bond and a \$319,378 Deferred Developer Fee. 53 units are studios and 6 are one-bedrooms.

Aggregate Monthly Rents for All Units is \$33,462. \$3,600 is projected for Annual Income from Laundry Facilities. Total Annual Potential Gross Income is projected at \$1,066,860.

A Total Projected Annual Rental Subsidy of \$661,716 is reportedly applicable of 20 Years; via a total \$13,234,320 HUD-PBVASH subsidy over that period. No covenant for how long the Project will only rent to persons with "Special Needs" is (otherwise) mentioned or inferred.

\$17,000,000 of total Funding Sources are declared as Tax-Exempt Financing. \$13,123,727 of the total budget is itemized as Tax Credit Equity. United States Code, Title 38, Section 8167 in

*The provisions and operations on land leased by a person with an
ed-use lease from the Secretary shall be subject to all applicable provisions of Federal,
or local law relating to taxation, fees, and assessments ."*

The word "Veteran" is mentioned twice in the application; once in reference to the Name of Seller of the land and property; and one within the name of a private corporation planned to own 0.001% of it after construction.

November 21st, 2019

U.S. House Representative Ted Lieu hosts a Public Forum at his Public Office in West Los Angeles to exclusively discuss the status of Publicly Funded WLA VA Developments, which per Ted Lieu and Public Law; may only and Principally serve Veterans and their Families. The only invited attendees are the unrecognized neighborhood councils and private development Special Interests of Brentwood, Bel Air, Pacific Palisades and Westwood in Los Angeles. The only invited person to decline was Dr. Steven Braverman, Director of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Former Director of the WLA VA Draft Master Plan presented, as well as VA Staff; Robert McKenrick, Matthew MacGahran and Robert Merchant. There were also presentations by Thomas Safran & Associates, U.S. Vets and Century Housing Corporation.

Ted Lieu, nor any of the aforementioned entities and individual published or distributed invitations to the Public Meeting by a Public Official in a Public Office about a Federal Land for disabled Veterans.

However, Michelle Bisnoff, the Chair of the unrecognized neighborhood council and Special Interest Group representing the Brentwood School called the Brentwood Community Council, suggested in response to a local resident on NextDoor who was mad and wanted the homeless Veterans at the WLA VA gates removed; to contact her offline about a Ted Lieu meeting he should attend.

A local resident monitoring the discussion notified local residents, Veterans, Veteran Advocates and Veteran Service Organizations about the un-Noticed Public Event, which was initially canceled (as reported by the Brentwood Community Council) upon the aforementioned RSVPing with Ted Lieu's office the night before the meeting. Although Lieu's Office did not respond to the foregoing RSVPs, the meeting was not cancelled so many Veterans, homeless Veterans, Veteran Advocates, an employer of homeless Veterans, a Founder of the New Directions Rehabilitation Center at WLA VA, ranking members of the AMVETS Veterans Service Organizations and local residents (aka Uninvited) appeared before the meeting started to attend it.

Upon entering the meeting, the Uninvited were promptly informed they were not permitted to speak during the meeting, handed flash cards and short pencils to write any questions they could submit for possible future response at a later date and to take a seat in the back of the meeting room. Upon doing so, the Uninvited witnessed the invited persons seated in the front of the room, after many rows of empty chairs. The Founder of New Directions, who received a Presidential Medal from President Barack Obama, noticed an acquaintance of his, which he politely approached the seat of before the meeting started. He was physically intercepted by Ted Lieu's Deputy, Janet Turner - who said he could not speak with anyone seated in that section as she lightly pushed him to his seat in back.

Once the meeting Q&A started, disabled and homeless Veterans politely raised their hands; and kept them there for approximately 20 minutes, while very few of those in front asked uncanny questions about a place they have no entitlement to. Lieu's Staff assertively demanded the Uninvited to put their hands down. Eventually, a local resident sternly notified Lieu's Deputy Janet Turner that she was violating the Law, that Veterans have a right to speak at a Public Meeting about them, that taxpayers funded the meeting and it's host and that Veterans fought for their meeting. Approximately 20 minutes later, while the Uninvited kept their hands raised, a noticeably uncomfortable Ted Lieu interrupted Century Housing Corporation's speaker to claim he was not aware any Veterans would be at the meeting, that he is a great supporter of Veterans, that he is a Veteran and that he will now concede to permit Veterans to ask questions;

after taking a question from Brentwood Community Council Board Member, Brentwood Village Chamber of Commerce Board Member and Village for Vets Owner Marcie Polier Swartz.

Veterans were the only persons to ask questions within the scope of the Lawful use and operations of the WLA VA; all of which, were demonstrably answered, when answered, in unsubstantial and / or misrepresentative ways.

Most of the meeting's presenters made abundantly complimentary, general statements about Veterans, however a local resident interjected after Ted Lieu presented all attendees except for the Veterans, to introduce "The Veterans".

October 15th, 2019

Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin submits a Motion, for the first time; to award Safran \$24,300,000 in HCID Public Funds for the WLA VA Building 207 project. The motion omits mentioning Safran previously received \$8,200,000 from the Los Angeles City HCID and \$5,750,000 from Los Angeles County for the project. It also omits the fact the housing may only be for disabled Veterans. The Motion is Seconded by Paul Koretz. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

October 15th, 2019

All Los Angeles City Council Members, except for Curren Price (who was absent) and Mayor Garcetti Adopt the Motion to award Safran another \$24,300,000 of HCID Bonds for a WLA VA Building 207 project to renovate 59 bachelor units of an existing residency building for multi family and individual residential renters of low to moderate incomes. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

October 15th, 2019

Safran declares to LA Curbed Newspaper and other Press that his \$30,250,000 in taxpayer financing for the WLA VA Building 207 project is "70% of the budget" required for him to build "59 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless and chronically homeless senior Veterans." Considering such, the total budget must be \$54,642,857.14, thus \$926,150.12 per renovated bachelor pad. Thomas Safran & Associates is not a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.

January 15th, 2020

Thomas Safran claims to have completed construction of his brand new, 10,000 square foot, Frank Gehry designed headquarters, located three blocks West of the WLA VA; where per Safran's original schedule, Safran was supposed to have completed construction on the \$54,642,857.14 Building 207 project. Most of the visible construction from the exterior after Safran's staff begun working in the building months prior was related to an art facade in front of the building.

January 15th, 2020 [Pg.1](#)

The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee recommends Thomas Safran & Associates receive the \$1,312,504 it requested for the VA Building 207 Project in a prior application. The statements in this report generally match information presented in Safran's November 15th, 2019 Application, with the following material changes and additions: a) the "targeted" renters will be homeless seniors who are veterans and the chronically homeless, b) the Project involves an unspecified "Seller Carryback Loan", c) the Per Unit Cost is \$550,885, e) Approved Developer Fee is \$2,500,000, f) Construction Costs are \$20,721,900, g) Bank of America is an Investor, h) Thomas Safran & Associates is the Parent Company of the West LA Veterans Collective, i) Thomas Safran & Associates is the Developer, Thomas Safran & Associates is the Management Agent, Permanent Financing includes a Tax Credit Equity of \$13,123,727, j) \$2,621,308 of Other Costs.

March 5th, 2020

The Southern California Association of Governments publishes an updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The report is a survey of affordable housing projects that, among other things, assesses what government subsidized properties are at risk of converting to market rate, privately owned properties. All of Thomas Safran's rented properties are identified in the Report's Appendix of Data. All of those identified at Very High Risk of conversion - including Hollywood Fountain South, Clark Terrace, Strathern Court, Redwood Village and Villa Raintree; list owner entities without "Thomas Safran" in the name. All of the other properties Safran owns that are not assessed as any significant risk of conversion, present Thomas Safran & Associates as the Owner.

March 20th, 2020 [Pg.34](#)

HCID Staff Report provides the following updates on the VA Building 207 Project: a) Project is within L.A. City Council District 11, b) total Permanent Funding is \$33,353,105, c) total development cost per unit is \$555,885, d) construction start pushed to November 2020, e) total units reduced from 64 to 60, with 59 of the units for homeless Veterans over 62 years old. 53 units are studios and 6 units are one-bedrooms. The project description contrarily (and accurately) states that ~~the updated building~~ *is located in Los Angeles City*

. " The pending enhanced use lease is still a 75-year term and the 99.99% Limited Partner remains unidentified.

June 2nd, 2020 [Pg.36](#)

HCID Proposition HHH Administrative Oversight Committee approves the Staff report of March 20th, 2020 for VA Building 207 and recommends the Los Angeles City Mayor does too.

July 14th, 2020

Thomas Safran & Associates makes approximately \$150,000 of Federal political campaign donations in 2020 by this date; approximately 95% of which are to individuals running for office. Safran has made \$536,100 in Federal campaign donations between 2012 - 2020. Between 2014 - 2020, members of the Veterans Affairs House Committee receive more dollars of Safran donations than those in any other Congressional Committee.

- HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN? -

The way it is now, if you have no objections to it.

... Plus a lot of donations to / from folks who aren't doing enough (if anything) for Veterans.

