

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for permanent supportive housing and veteran homeless services at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) West Los Angeles Campus and enhanced-use lease agreements would enable partnerships with nonprofits and government entities that provide these services; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2015 the City Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor, unanimously approved a Resolution (Bonin - Harris-Dawson) in support of Senator Dianne Feinstein's Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (C.F. 15-0002-S95), which is now S. 2013; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3484 authored by Congressman Ted Lieu serves as a companion bill to S. 2013 (Feinstein) and would allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with local governments and nonprofits to enter into public/private enhanced-use lease agreements at the West Los Angeles Campus for the purpose of providing housing and services for homeless and disadvantaged veterans; and

WHEREAS, through these lease agreements, services including permanent supportive housing, health, wellness, education, family support, vocational training, skills building and other programs that principally benefit veterans and their families can be offered at the VA's 387 acre West Los Angeles Campus; and

WHEREAS, a crucial element of the expanding transit system in Los Angeles County is the Los Angeles County Metro Transportation Authority's Purple Line Subway, with a planned stop and construction staging area at the West LA Veterans Administration campus; and

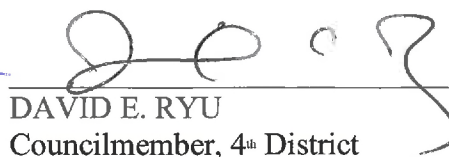
WHEREAS, a subway stop at the VA Campus would provide significant benefit to veterans, their families, and VA employees, traveling from throughout Los Angeles County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation authorizing the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out enhanced-use lease agreements for veterans housing and services at the West Los Angeles Campus, specifically H.R. 3484 (Lieu) and S. 2013 (Feinstein), IF AMENDED to authorize the VA to allow for the construction and operation of a Metro subway stop on the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration property.

PRESENTED BY:



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