

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 concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Eric Garcetti has pledged to end veteran homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, and has overseen the housing of nearly 4,000 veterans to date; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress, homelessness in Los Angeles persists, with a recent report by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority identifying a 6% rise in veteran homelessness; and

WHEREAS, a recent settlement by the Department of Veterans Affairs provides for the development of a Master Plan at their West Los Angeles Campus intended to advance veteran services in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for long-term supportive housing on the West Los Angeles Campus and enhanced use leases are necessary to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to work toward the goal of ending veteran homelessness in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation proposed by United States Senator Dianne Feinstein would authorize leasing authority for the West Los Angeles Campus in order to bring in community partners to provide important services that benefit veterans and help make the campus a veteran-centric community setting; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would also permit the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with local governments and nonprofits to provide additional housing and services for homeless and disadvantaged veterans at the West Los Angeles Campus;


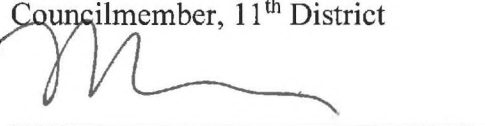
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senator Dianne Feinstein's Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015.

PRESENTED BY:



MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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