

## West LA VA Campus Implementation letter and hearing announcement

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

April 10, 2018

The Honorable Robert Wilkie  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Acting Secretary Wilkie,

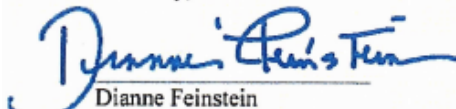
As the co-authors of the *West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016*, we write to express our support for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) proposal to select a Principal Developer to redevelop the West Los Angeles VA Campus and expedite the construction of 1,200 housing units for homeless veterans.

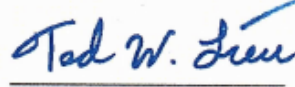
The construction of 1,200 units of permanent, supportive housing and the provision of associated services comes at a critical time for Los Angeles, which faces an unprecedented veteran homelessness crisis. According to reports from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the population of veterans experiencing homelessness on any given night rose from 1,485 to 3,406 veterans (129%) between 2016 and 2017.

We are encouraged by the VA's recent announcement of a public hearing on April 26<sup>th</sup> to present a proposal for a Principal Developer to oversee efforts to increase the pace of master plan implementation. Building new housing and services on the West LA VA Campus will take time, significant environmental reviews as well as public and stakeholder engagement, and largescale contractor hiring in order to complete the master plan over the next decade. The *West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016* provides the VA with discretion to enter into Enhanced Use Leases with a Principal Developer, and we expect that doing so could greatly enhance the speed with which the VA can fulfill the master plan and get our veterans into permanent homes.

It is heartening that, at a time when Los Angeles' homelessness crisis is deepening dramatically, the staff of the West LA VA and local stakeholders are working collaboratively to create housing options to provide immediate shelter for homeless veterans. We expect this collaboration will be strengthened by the selection of a Principal Developer, and we would appreciate continued, regular updates to ensure that the campus meets the timelines and goals of the master plan.

Sincerely,

  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

  
Ted W. Lieu  
Member of Congress

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## VA West LA Principal Developer Public Hearing

Dear Friend,

Last Friday, the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLAHS) announced a proposal to enter into a 75-year lease with a principal developer in order to develop 1,200 homes for homeless veterans at the VA West LA campus and build a stronger veteran community.

**The VA will be holding a public hearing on the principal developer lease at 5:30 pm (PST) on April 26, 2018.**

This hearing will provide an opportunity for the VA to present its proposal and receive feedback for a contemplated Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) initiative for permanent supportive housing benefitting Veterans who are homeless or at risk for homelessness, on the GLAHS campus.

**Hearing Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.(PST) – 7 p.m.(PST)

**Hearing Location:**

Main Hospital, Building 500, Room 1281  
West Los Angeles Medical Center  
11301 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90073

**RSVP:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/va-west-la-principal-developer-public-hearing-tickets-44767755562?aff=MCConten>

**The public is invited to attend the hearing regarding this EUL initiative and encouraged to submit written comments no later than 5:00 pm (PST) on April 23, 2018.**

To submit comments, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Ted W. Lieu

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans at the Veterans Affairs  
Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, West Los Angeles, CA**

In accordance with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Enhanced-Use Leasing authority (38 U.S.C. §§ 8161-8169), the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-226, 130 Stat. 926 (2016)) (the "West L.A. Leasing Act"), and the framework Draft Master Plan dated January 28, 2016, VA hereby provides notice of a public hearing to present VA's proposal and receive views, for a contemplated Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) initiative for permanent supportive housing benefitting Veterans who are homeless or at risk for homelessness, on the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLAHS) campus. The GLAHS campus is located at 11301 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90073.

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**HEARING LOCATION:**

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**IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED:** The contemplated EUL initiative would be focused on the northern portion of the GLAHS campus, starting with renovation of Building 207 to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and at risk of homeless Veterans in the GLAHS area. Building 207 was built in 1940 and it consists of 51,010 gross square feet.

Consistent with the concepts reflected in the framework Draft Master Plan, dated and publically announced on January 28, 2016, and the ongoing environmental impact statement analysis pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the contemplated EUL initiative would include renovation of Building 207 and the development and re-use of other existing buildings and parcels located on the north-side of the GLAHS Campus.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY:** VA contemplates pursuing an EUL initiative with a Principal Developer to provide permanent supportive housing and related services, for homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk for homelessness, including but not limited to severely disabled Veterans, female Veterans, aging Veterans, and Veterans with families.

VA would select the Principal Developer through a competitive procurement process. The Principal Developer would be required to finance, design, construct, renovate, operate, and maintain the permanent supportive housing units.