



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

September 30, 2024

Honorable Brad Sherman, U.S. Congressman, 32nd District
Via Sean Regan, District Representative

Honorable Ted Lieu, U.S. Congressman, 36th District
Via Janet Turner, Deputy District Director

Honorable Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, Los Angeles City Council

Honorable Traci Park, Councilwoman, Los Angeles City Council District 11

Via email to all addressees

Re: Support for HR 8340 – the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act”

Dear Congressmen Sherman and Lieu, Mayor Bass, Council President Harris-Dawson and Councilwoman Park:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of the Palisades since its founding 51 years ago, in 1973. Pacific Palisades is a coastal, hillside community which has had decades-long experience with homelessness. We support the efforts and mission of the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH), a respected volunteer organization that began as a PPCC committee and for more than ten years has conducted outreach and offered services and housing to hundreds of unhoused individuals, including unhoused veterans, who regularly camp on our beach and in our bluffs, parks and canyon areas.

At the regularly scheduled PPCC board meeting on September 26, 2024, our board unanimously passed the following motion:

“Pacific Palisades Community Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman) and urges our Councilmembers to submit a resolution in City Council forthwith to add support for HR 8340 to the Council’s federal legislative priorities for 2024-2025.”¹

We understand that HR 8340 may be similarly supported by Mayor Karen Bass. We respectfully urge Council President Harris-Dawson, Councilwoman Park and other members of the City Council to submit the requested resolution supporting HR 8340 in City Council forthwith.

¹ This motion was recommended to members of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC / a coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, including PPCC) by the WRAC board on September 16, 2024. To date, PPCC, Brentwood Community Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council and Westside Neighborhood Council have passed the motion or a modified version in keeping with its spirit. We are advised that additional WRAC member councils are expected to take up the motion in the coming weeks. See: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-the-housing-unhoused-disabled-veterans-act-hr-8340-sherman/>.

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Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sue Kohl

Sue Kohl, President
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5

Dr. Etsemaye Agonafer, Deputy Mayor of Homelessness and Community Health

Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Office of Mayor Bass