

December 1, 2015

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

On June 30, 2015 the Board of Supervisors voted to send a five-signature letter to the County's Congressional delegation to support legislation which would enable the construction of Permanent Supportive Housing on real property located at the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) West Los Angeles Medical Center. The letter also expressed the County's support for the use of the Housing First model at the West Los Angeles Medical Center.

On September 9, 2015 Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced S.2013, the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015. On September 10, 2015 Congressman Ted Lieu introduced H.R.3484, mirror legislation also called the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015. These bills authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out certain leases at the VA's West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, for: (1) supportive housing; (2) health, education, family support, vocational training, and other services that principally benefit veterans and their families; and (3) a lease of real property to a California institution that has had a long-term medical affiliation with the VA at such Campus.

Congressional committees will begin reviewing these bills in December.

I, **THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

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RIDLEY-THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Send a five-signature letter to the County's Congressional delegation to support S.2013 and H.R.3484 if amended to authorize the VA to allow for the construction and operation of a Metro subway stop on the West Los Angeles Medical Center property; and
2. Direct the County's Legislative Advocates in Washington, D.C. to support S.2013 and H.R.3484 if amended to authorize the VA to allow for the construction and operation of a Metro subway stop on the West Los Angeles Medical Center property.

S:MR/H.R. 3484 with amended language