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RESOLUTION

INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS

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 governmental 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, the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration property encompasses approximately 400 acres; and

WHEREAS, there are more veterans living within fifty miles of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration property than in 42 other states combined; and

WHEREAS, it is our sacred obligation to provide the utmost care to those who have served and sacrificed for our country; and

WHEREAS, the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration property has served the needs and interests of veterans for over 100 years; and


WHEREAS, veterans returning from all of the last century's wars, from World War I to the Gulf War, have found at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration property both a center for medical treatment and a refuge for the transition from the horrors of the battlefield to the norms of civilian life; and

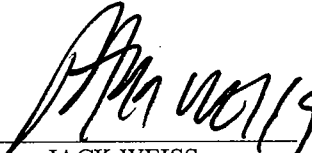
WHEREAS, veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq will have equally pressing needs for service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that the City Council include in its 2005-06 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for the six guiding principles adopted by the CARES Local Advisory Panel on September 22, 2005, specifically:

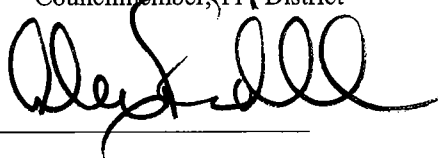
- 1) That the federal government honor and uphold provisions the Cranston Act, prohibiting the sale or enhanced-use leases on 109 acres at the West Los Angeles VA;
- 2) That the federal government honor and uphold the spirit of the 1888 deed granting the land as an Old Soldiers Home by maintaining the land in perpetuity for the direct benefit of veterans;
- 3) That the federal government honor and uphold the commitment of former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J Principi, precluding commercial development on the property.
- 4) That the federal government maintain current land-use agreements on the property as listed on pages 20 and 21 in the CARES Stage 1 Summary Report and add a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Park Conservancy for a Veterans Park and the City of Los Angeles lease to the list;
- 5) That the federal government officially declare that there is no excess land at the West Los Angeles VA campus; and
- 6) That the federal government abide by the National Preservation Historic Act as it applies to the West Los Angeles VA property.

SUBMITTED:

  
BILL ROSENDAHL  
Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

  
JACK WEISS  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED:



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Friday, October 14, 2005

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