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To The People of The United States of America

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VIA E-Mail & Others Public Re-Distribution

**Regarding The Un-Reported Mass Eviction  
Of Every Disabled / Unemployed U.S. Military Veteran Resident  
On 11/09/2024 From The National Soldiers Home "A Bridge Home" Facility  
Under Mayor Bass, Councilwoman Park, Concourse Federal & CalMatters' Watch**

The first of two little-known yet primary reasons you are, In Fact, serially-disinformed by a criminal racket of billionaire family offices, their real estate banks, private developers, fraudulent contractors, illegal land misusers, A Chicago Federal Tax Credit Syndicate and their corrupted Public Officials behind a Master Scam; with malicious intent to suppress Public awareness of their reckless theft of Public Funds and The National Soldiers' Home that, per Our Federal Government's express Acceptance the Home's nearly 1,000 Acres of Land and Deeds Term: that only Our Federal Government develop and operate that Federal Land, as only a National Home for Veterans whom are either unemployed, homeless and / or disabled - is because a segment of the aforementioned Federal Criminal Racket quietly consolidated the newsdesks, of many to most popular "Independent" and "Public" print, radio, internet and television news agencies throughout the State of California over the past decade (and to some extent the Los Angeles Times), under CalMatters NGO's "California Newsdesk".

One of CalMatters loyal "donors" (or pay to play clientele) is Actum Communications, a pricey Public Relations Firm if not also subversive unregistered lobby hired by the West Los Angeles Veterans Collective / related developers which accomplice said Criminal Racket stealing the National Soldiers Home in Our Nation's Capital of Veteran Homelessness.

Notwithstanding potential initial suspicion on the accuracy of my foregoing statement, despite the Racket's persistent and consistently failed attempts to slander me amid its typical absence of evidence: pause to consider the following, truthful report on a matter very important to Angelenos, Veterans and Taxpayers throughout the United States; and review the credible evidence attached to it - to reach your own substantial conclusion this report's credibility amidst KCRW, LA Times, NPR, LAist, SPCC, KPFF and other CalMatters "newsdesks" absent reporting of this matter as of today, January 21st 2024; despite much of their contrived, stereotyped reports on generally service-resistant, drug-addicted and mentally disabled Veterans predisposed to the shed-life... A population of Veterans un-evidently in false need of multi-billionaire Salesforce CEO Mark Benioff's UCSF facade's Unconstitutional, Cruel & Unusual Proposition One, deceptively begging your vote this next Boston Massacre Anniversary.

Amid saturated "good news" of years to decades late, Public housing developments by private cartels masquerading as privately-financed, privately-owned and little did you know privately-mortgaged, up to \$1,000,000.00 per pre-existing studio unit renovations of existing homeless Veterans' housing Veterans were evicted from to build on the Veterans' National Soldiers Home - Our U.S. Congress had already Funded and Approved for Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to contract build / renovate the same buildings by the end of 2017 (without giving away the Federal Land to a Racket paying nothing to steal what it now calls "affordable market-rate rental housing" for "Veterans" up to 15-30 years of illegal 99-year "Enhanced Use Leases" terms).

What enabled the Racket to sabotage and redress what Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was already building better, cheaper, faster and actually operating to support homeless Veterans, is University of California Attorneys Mark Rosenbaum and Gary Blasi, along with Berkshire Hathaway Board Director Ronald L. Olson's non-existent and fabricated so-called "settlement" of the Valentini v. Shinseki lawsuit, that defrauded Our Federal Ninth Circuit Court to swindle disabled and homeless Veterans out of their Federal Court Orders restraining, nullifying and evicting illegal land users from the National Soldiers Home... A so-called "settlement" of January 28, 2015; since when the resident population of the National Soldiers Home's only true Stakeholders, disabled and / or homeless U.S. Military Veterans - has declined by roughly 50% or more, as roughly a third of the current population rot in the isolation of flammable plastic boxes without toilets and sinks - which were procured, installed and operated by Inner City Law Center, Brentwood School, University of California at Los Angeles, Village For Vets and Lennar; "thanks" in large part to Gavin Newsom's nearly one-million-dollar California State Taxpayer's Check to them for such purpose.

As Reported by Our *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs GLA CERS Capacity Summary* (November 2023) that's oft distributed to CalMatters California NewsDesk Public-to-Privatized-and-white-labeled [former] "journalists" - **On or around November 9th, 2023, 100% of National Soldiers Home Residents housed in the "A Bridge Home" facility controlled by the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County**, comprising around 60 disabled and / or were-formerly-homeless Veterans (misreported capacity of 50); **were silently, summarily, fraudulently and maliciously EVICTED from said Bridge Home.** Investigations into the un-reported matter indicate probably all but one of the former residents are now homeless and, despite available housing in Buildings 116, 205, 207, 208, 209, 214, 217, Oasis and other programs at their National Soldiers Home: one evicted Veteran who didn't go homeless again, was sent to the bedbug-ridden and poorly secured U.S. Vets Inglewood slum.

Brentwood Community Council developed L.A. City Councilwoman Traci Park, as well as Mayor Karen Bass (who was Senator during the A Bridge Home development), "Represented" the People of Los Angeles during this entirely unreported mass eviction of disabled Veterans into homelessness. Whether they intently suppressed it while lying about their humanitarian achievements "*tackling*" homelessness, or are incapable and / or too ignorant to perform their Public Duties Under Oath, including to homeless persons, is unknown to me at this time.

As an aside for future reports: it substantially appeared upwards of twenty Veterans rotting in CTRS sheds at the Soliders Home have also been illegally evicted back into homelessness since the Bridge Home's mass-eviction event of November 9th, 2023.

As reported by Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System many times since at least as far back as December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in it's Construction Notices which are Publicly distributed online by the Federal Agency via its website: daily construction of a "Bridge Home Administration Trailer" and "**BASKETBALL COURTS**" at the location of that now empty Bridge Home; in addition to security gates designed to enclose the present and future facilities of to-be-determined operations, into something looking remarkably similar to minimum-security prison architecture - has begun, on this parcel adjacent to a VA Police Station.

As to why the Bridge Home's mass eviction of Veterans back into homelessness occurred and why there'd be any need for an administration trailer - amid the Revocable License Agreement for the Bridge Home contractor's existing Administration Office provisions in Building 337 UCLA Animal Research Lab, signed by VA GLAHS Director Robert McKenrick before revolving into his new position at the Soldiers Home as Vice Present of the Concourse Federal Group (Booz Allen) that's received upwards of \$100,000,000.00 in Federal Contracts, to consult VA GLAHS on how to ensure all National Soldiers Home land use is lawfully contracted, operated and administered; has a contract expiration date of April Fools Day 2024 (04/01/2024) - Maybe we have Probable Cause to presume answers regard Federal Criminal Racketeering.

As for why West Los Angeles Veterans Collective executive Tess Banko declared to a VCOEB Federal Oversight Committee On Record on February 15th, 2023 - that she was "*bringing open house to Veterans*" on "*January 24 at A Bridge Home*" that resulted in "*16 referrals*"; well, at least as far as the Minutes of that *Concourse Federal scripted* political theater Publicly Report, I believe it related to the illegal basketball court developer's dishonesty to Veterans, Taxpayers and Our Federal Government.

As to why Thomas Safran facilitated / constructed / developed; with the support of former L.A. County Planning and Land Use Commission Chair Jose Huizar - a state of the art basketball stadium obstructed from Veteran Resident's use; and instead for illegal land user Brentwood School at the National Soldiers Home; and why pre-existing Soldiers Home basketball courts were demolished for UCLA's second illegal baseball field and a Columbarium for deceased Veterans - this matter of needing, not needing or KCRW's latest solution to Veteran homelessness of "*it's complicated*"; could have something to do with Our Non-Veteran Secretary Mr. Denis McDonough of Our U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs Express Declaration Under Oath To Congress in Sepetember 2023, that "*Veterans*" have requested development of a "*recreational court*" near "*A Bridge Home housing facility*" in never substantiated "*feedback*".

In that same Federal Congressional Record of September of 2023, Secretary McDonough Declares to Brentwood L.A. campaign-financed Montana State U.S. Senator Jon Tester's Veterans Affairs Committee: the total [illegal] "*lease*" revenues from criminals stealing roughly half of the National Soldiers Home's remaining 400-Acres of Federal Land Deeded for housing disabled and homeless Veterans in Our Nation's Capital of Veteran Homelessness, totals \$9,047,394.22. When added to \$4,483,507.00 in Federal Restitution Funds from former illegal Soldiers Home Parking Lot operator and former VA GLAHS Contract Officer, whom were imprisoned for their Criminal Conspiracies, Bribes and Fabricated Tax Returns in 2020; and then deducting expenses of \$7,996,942.19 for "*trailers*", "*miscellaneous*", "*security guards*", "*paving*", "*janitors*", "*utilities*" and "*improvements*": Notice September 28th, 2023 balance of \$5,533,959.03 of unspent "*revenue*" was [maybe] added back to Our over \$1,000,000,000.00 National Soldier's Home's annual operating budget (excluding previously stolen development funds and lump sum cash payments to WLAVC / Safran / Century / Shangri / Step Up, etc.), of the nearly \$400,000,000,000.00 annual budget (excluding PACT ACT funds); of our rapidly shrinking and privatized U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs falling into the possession of criminal land misuse rackets throughout the United States of America.

Note Secretary McDonough did not Declare the presence of any "Veteran" request to be housed at their National Soldiers Home, among entirely unsubstantiated "feedback" falsified under Oath to Congress in September of 2023. Given Denis never Entered Into (signed) any EUL he's announced since taking Our VA Secretary Oath - I presume the trend indicates Concourse Federal never masqueraded as Denis to Declare such "feedback" either.

During a meeting I had with Congressman Brad Sherman at his Sherman Oaks Office a few months back, we politely debated his false claim that "we need" a nearly 500,000 square-foot [illegal] megamall (aka "Town Center") to be [illegally] developed at the National Soldiers Home in Our Nation's Capital of Veteran homelessness and suicide, "because the VA is broke and it will generate revenue to house homeless Veterans"; while referring to "legislation I'm working on with Ted Lieu" after "speaking with Mark Takano about it"; that as far as I substantially know of now, has no significant number of Veterans, let alone homeless and / or disabled Veterans, or even L.A. Residents with no stake in [lawful] Soldiers Home land use - whom ever requested or even suggested my new Congressman Brad Sherman have lobbyists draft for him to champion into law for....?

I do however know corrupted American Legion "leader" Larry Van Kuran and corrupted Vietnam Veterans of America "leader" Jerry Orleman passionately endorse the fraudulent megamall (aka "Town Center") that their rank and file across Our Country know next to nothing about, "thanks" to them. Notwithstanding such, Orleman and VVA National "Leader" Jack McManus recently deceived the VSO's Membership to misperceive they were renewing a longstanding existing resolution against illegal National Soldiers Home land use, as they swiftly begged their unwitting passage of an antithetical resolution endorsing such illegal land use frauds killing disabled Veterans with homelessness.

The Bridge Home is one of many convoluted and fraudulent, Public Lands & Public Funds laundering schemes at the National Soldiers Home facilitated by Public Corruption and disinformation. In a nutshell, it's two big tents with cubicle beds near outhouses laundered to the City of Los Angeles, which purports "developing" it for upwards of \$20,000,000.00, upon National Soldiers Home Federal Lands "conveyed" via an illegal "Easement" that was then converted to a "Revocable License" VA GLAHS Directors and VA Secretaries falsely Declared would be operated by VA Staff - to provide services to homeless Veteran residents there which never were... Except for those "virtual" services purportedly performed "*where practicable*" to "*continue adequate*" services VA is in "*discussions with land users*" about "*despite the challenges posed by COVID-19*" **\*IN FALL OF 2021\***... Like Secretary Denis McDonough expressly Declared to Congress Under Oath on September 29th, 2021, while Angelenos packed the streets of Los Angeles' new dining program and Brentwood School hosted football, baseball, basketball, tennis, track and swimming competitions throughout the land it's stealing from disabled homeless Veterans they leave to die on Our sidewalks in Our Nation's Capital of Veteran Homelessness & Suicide at unwitting Taxpayers' expense.

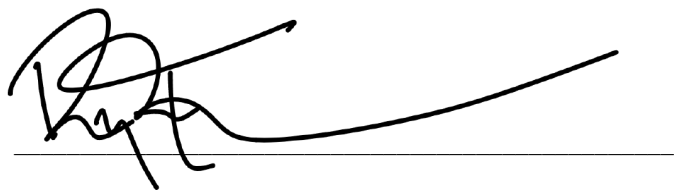
According to current illegal land use agreements, Mayor Karen Bass and Councilwoman Traci Park are responsible for answering real journalists' inquiries about this program, amid Robert Merchant's VA GLAHS refusing to repossess and operate with capable and yes truly available VA Staff he's progressively dispatching to telework in what appears a bid to remove disabled and unemployed Veterans, as well as the VA GLAHS under his Oathful Watch on Our Dime: to clear the Home and its Nation's largest and busiest VA Hospital (despite never telling you), for a total takeover of the National Soldiers Home, by one of the biggest, most expensive, deadliest and shameful Criminal Federal Land Misuse Rackets in U.S. History... One we may evidently consider a National Security Crisis given to-be-determined U.S. Military Recruitment stats and the Fact Lincoln, Grant and others designed National Home programs for the (successful) purpose of demonstrating Our Soldiers may rely upon this Country, as we Taxpayers Intend: to Care For Those Who Bore The Battle.

As for the second little known yet primary reason you didn't know this suppressed conspiracy (but not theory) about the now vacant Bridge Home at a National Soldiers Home in Our Nation's Capital; of Veteran Homelessness & Suicide - I suggest you inquire with former Career Intelligence Officials Denis McDonough, Tanya Bradsher, Steven Braverman, Robert Merchant, Robert McKenrick and contractors such as Concourse Federal, Awen Solutions Group and other Booz Allen "Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business" fronts - as to why their backgrounds in disinformation are more preferable to Jon Tester's Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Confirming them to house homeless Veterans on their Deeded Federal Land; instead of confirming honest, conflict-free Public Officials whom have even the slightest, successful, hands-on and proven prior career experience any child may find to be a better choice for the job.

Until childish wisdom or better prevails over a Federal Criminal Racket proliferating Public Corruption at Taxpayers unwitting expense to even deceive us into ultimately clearing Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from the National Soldiers Home after the remaining Resident Veteran population dies homeless beside it by around 2030 - prepare for the cheesiest, most congested, insolvent, Publicly Funded yet privately profited Downtown Brentwood approaching what we might as well call a former Chancellor's Berlin Summer Olympics Launch Date: as I prepare for the possibility of Tanya Bradsher having me unlawfully arrested again for telling five peaceful minutes of truth, while she chose to sit in front of me, during a June 2022 Public Meeting of a Federal Advisory Committee held in Open Session as Noticed in the Federal Register, after I was called upon to make my Public Comment during my Pre-Registered time slot, before silently returning to an audience chair where he VAPD surrounded me to falsify under Color of Law that I was trespassing a private meeting.

I'm motivated to lawfully state under Our Constitution for Good Reason with Good Intent, that the aforementioned assholes serving the mob on Our dime need to be out of their Federal Government Oath-Taken Careers, Contracts, sub-contracts and / or Land Use Agreements (including any and all Leases) for the rest of their lives, starting yesterday - as part of a far more sensible plan to truly end Veteran homelessness in a swift, efficient, effective and lawful manner.

Ryan Thompson,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ryan Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

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## → A Bridge Home ← **Fact Sheet**

### About

As part of the Community Engagement and Reintegration Service (CERS), a Bridge Home (ABH) is a low barrier Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) transitional housing program to assist male Veterans who can independently perform their daily living activities.

ABH is designed to provide participants with stability so that they can more easily maintain contact with VA housing navigation and case management services to facilitate safe and supportive housing placement.

Although able to accommodate up to 100 male Veterans, ABH is currently a 60-bed facility in order to maintain social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.



### What Does it Offer?

Developed as part of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's 'A Bridge Home' Initiative, the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and the City and County of Los Angeles entered into a partnership to open A Bridge Home on the West Los Angeles (WLA) VA Campus. VA and its selected services provider, Carlos Lopez and Associates, intend ABH as an urgent stop-gap measure as more permanent supportive housing is built on the WLA Campus and throughout the city. The temporary Sprung Structure is intended to provide Veterans with up to six months of housing stability while giving them access to:

- Medical and behavioral healthcare services.
- Case management services to facilitate safe and supportive housing placement.
- A safe place to sleep, equipped with personal storage and hygiene, laundry facilities, 24-hour security, meals, and other supportive and community engagement services.

### Eligibility

Veterans must be VA healthcare-eligible, male, asymptomatic for COVID-19, and possess the ability to independently perform daily living activities. Participants must also agree to rules of behavior that balance respect for their individual autonomy with public health and safety concerns. The rules incorporate established public-health and infection-control protocols such as social distancing, frequent handwashing, good hygiene behaviors, and masking when near others.

### Contact

**Veterans in Crisis should call**  
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

**Veterans interested in participating in ABH**  
can call 213-220-4443 to learn about services.

**Media inquiries** should be directed to the VAGLAHS Public Affairs Office at 310-268-3340 or [vahglapublicaffairs@va.gov](mailto:vahglapublicaffairs@va.gov).

**Veteran Welcome Center Desk:**  
310-268-3269.



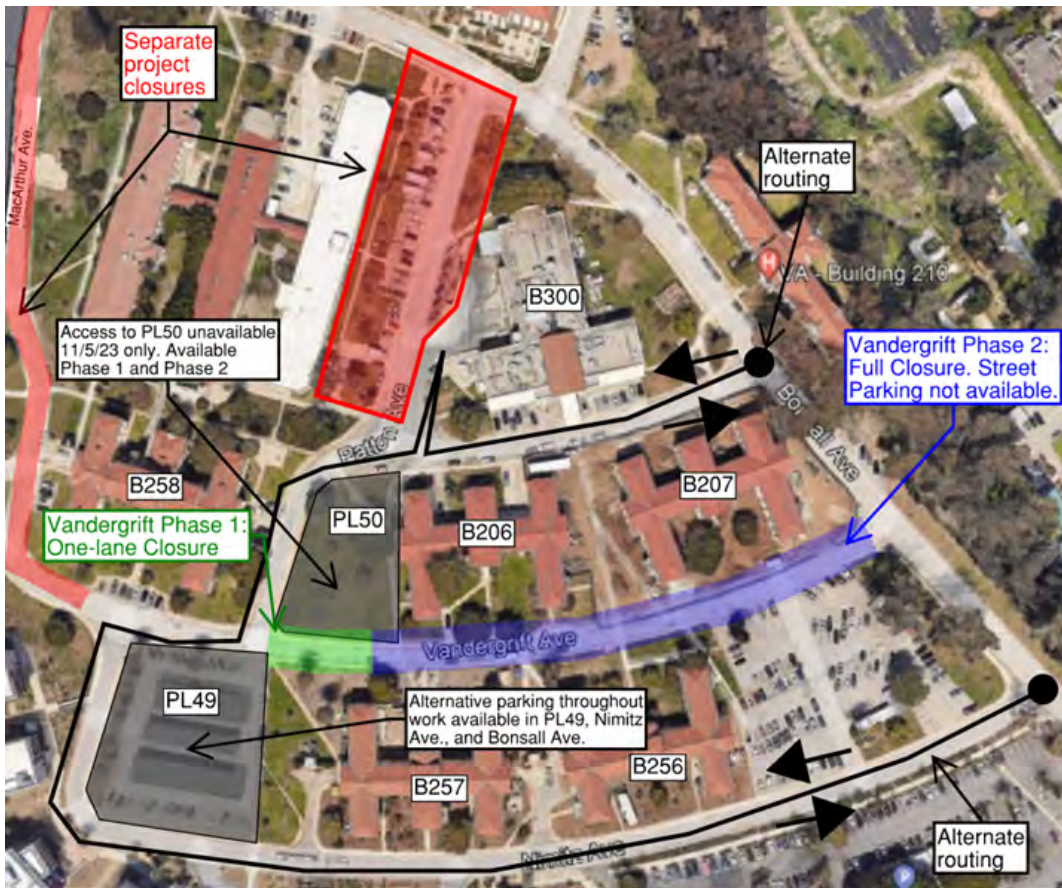
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of Veterans Affairs  
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

GLA CERS Capacity Summary – November 2023

Facility / Provider	Capacity	Percent Occupied	Notes
<b>West Los Angeles (WLA):</b>			
<i>Medical Beds</i>			
Building 217 - Domiciliary	151	56%	
Building 214 – Domiciliary*	135	87%	13 Female Veterans.
<i>Emergency Shelter</i>			
ABH	50	8%	On 11/09/2023, ABH closed after contract ended. The last Veterans left ABH on 11/08/2023.
CTRS	134	99%	Tiny shelters, not beds. Total 134 tiny shelters, including 12 daily drop-ins. One burn unit.
Safe Parking (Service Provider CP)	50	28%	Parking spaces, not beds. Daily in and out
<i>WLA Transitional Housing Beds</i>			
Building 116 (Service Provider ND)*	120	61%	Capacity and percent for three bed models combined (low demand, bridge, & clinical)
HCHV-ND Oasis Women	18	50%	
<i>Permanent Supportive Housing Units</i>			
			Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) apartment units
Building 205	67	95%	EUL
Building 207	59	97%	EUL
Building 208	53	96%	EUL
Building 209	54	98%	EUL
<b>Total WLA:</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>658</b>	
<b>Sepulveda:</b>			
<i>Permanent Supportive Housing Units</i>			
Buildings 4/5	50	84%	EUL
<b>Total Sepulveda:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	
<b>Community Beds:</b>			
Project-Based Voucher (PBV)	1,320	87%	Community HUD-VASH Vouchers.
(Non-VASH) SAACC	98	95%	
Western	32	91%	
Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Bridge Housing	74	39%	Short-term stay for Veterans with identified housing destination
GPD Clinical Treatment	110	61%	Emphasis on mental health & substance abuse treatment
GPD Low Demand	287	77%	Engaging chronically homeless with history of treatment failures
GPD Service Intensive	176	77%	Supportive housing environment for transition to permanent housing
GPD-Special Needs Women	5	80%	
Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Contract	228	60%	Harm-reduction approach to keep high-risk Veterans safely housed before housing placement
<b>Total Community:</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>1,859</b>	

\*Capacities Adjusted due to COVID/ Social Distancing/ Staffing





## WLA Construction Advisory – A Bridge Home Admin Trailer & Basketball Court Construction

### Area of Impact

As a part of our continued effort to improve infrastructure across West Los Angeles Campus, the site preparation and construction of A Bridge Home (ABH) admin trailer and Basketball Court will take place in the grassy area north of ABH and south of CalVet. See Exhibit A below. Specific work and utility shutdowns will be communicated to staff in advance through additional notices.

The construction team shall take all safety precautions to ensure the safety of all present VA staff during the construction period. The contractor will provide separation between the construction area and the non-construction areas, utilizing signs, fencing, plastic dust barriers (temporary protection system), etc. There will be some noise disruption within OSHA limits during construction for the personnel within the area.

### Dates & Times of Impact

Daily Work: 7:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.



Start Construction Date: Tuesday, 11/7/23

End Construction Date: Monday, 03/25/24

### Contact(s)

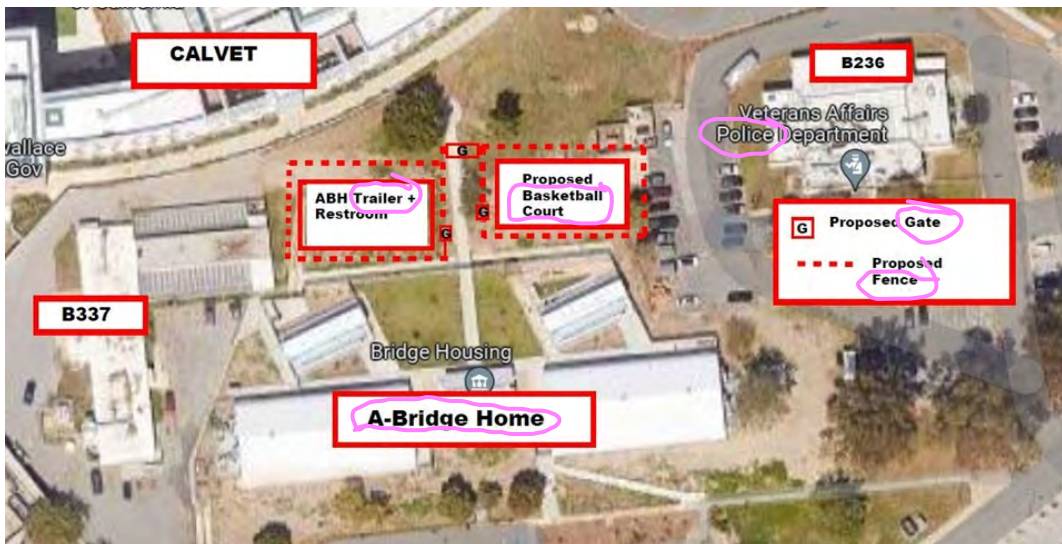
If you have additional questions about this matter or require more information, please contact:

COR: Homa Shahpasandzadeh

Email: [Homa.Shahpasandzadeh@va.gov](mailto:Homa.Shahpasandzadeh@va.gov)

Phone: [626-525-4563](tel:626-525-4563)

### Exhibit A – Construction Boundary, Project #: 691-22-001, A Bridge Home Trailer & Basketball Court Site Preparation



## WLA Construction Advisory - Multi-Phase Project for South Campus Parking Improvements

### Area of Impact

- Mobile office space for Swinerton Construction will be fenced off near Parking Lot 3.
- Construction barrier will be installed around project area for B 527 the week of October 23, 2023.
- Construction will also occur at parking lot 42, lot 43N (weekend only), and within lot 3 as the project progress



# National Soldiers Home (WLA VA)

State Of The Art **Basketball Stadium** (BWS)

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

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BASKETBALL

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

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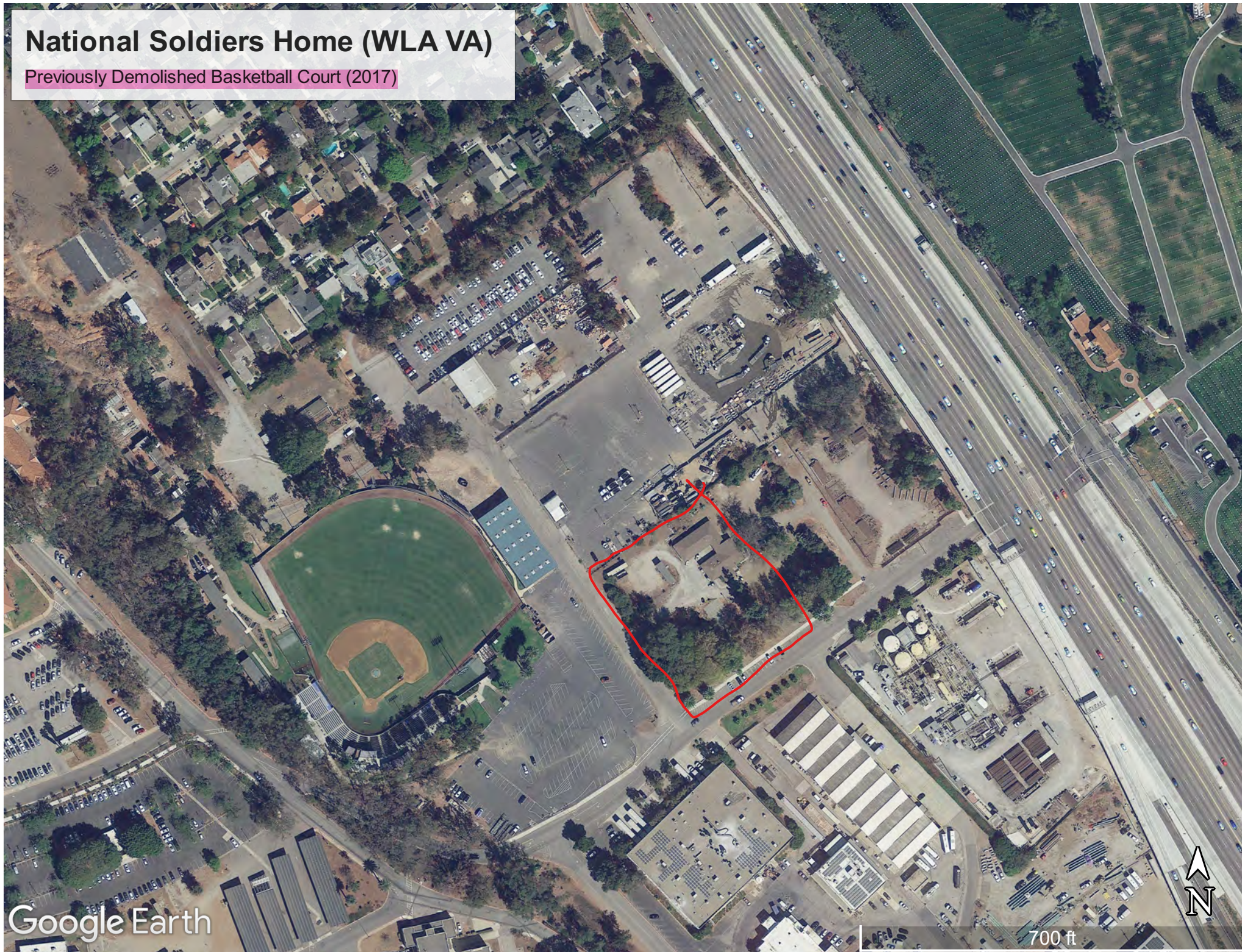
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# National Soldiers Home (WLA VA)

Previously Demolished Basketball Court (2017)



Google Earth

700 ft







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## REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR NON-FEDERAL USE OF REAL PROPERTY

1. LICENSE NO.  
VA691-20-RL-0001

A revocable license affecting the property described and for the purpose designated below is hereby granted to the licensee here named, subject to all of the conditions, special and general, hereinafter enumerated.

<b>2. NAME OF LICENSEE</b> <b>Carlos Lopez and Associates</b> , a sole proprietorship		<b>4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION</b> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System ("VAGLAHS") VA West Los Angeles Campus 11301 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90073 ("WLA Campus"), depicted in Exhibit A					
<b>3a. MAILING ADDRESS OF LICENSEE (No., Street, City, State, and Zip Code)</b> P.O. Box 307 Lincoln, ME 04457		<b>5. PERIOD COVERED</b> <table border="1"><tr><td>FROM (Month, day, year)</td><td>TO (Month, day, year)</td></tr><tr><td>04/02/2020</td><td>04/01/2024</td></tr></table>		FROM (Month, day, year)	TO (Month, day, year)	04/02/2020	04/01/2024
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04/02/2020	04/01/2024						
<b>3b. PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LICENSEE (No., Street, City, State, and Zip Code)</b> 880 Main Street Lincoln, ME 04457							

**6. CONSIDERATION**  
No license fee is due and payable. Licensee at its sole cost and expense (except as provided in Licensee's WLA Campus service contract) shall provide the Veteran-centric services as set forth in the Special Conditions.

<b>7A. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AFFECTED (As shown on Exhibit(s) attached hereto and made a part hereof.)</b> Non-exclusive portion of the WLA Campus comprised of approximately 978 net square feet of <b>building area located on the first floor of Building 337</b> ("Property"), as depicted in Exhibit C: Property Description attached hereto.	<b>7B. EXHIBIT(S) ATTACHED</b> General Conditions Special Conditions A: Location Map B: Site Plan C: Property Description
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**8. PURPOSE OF LICENSE**  
Licensee shall use the Property for Veteran-centric services for general office uses relating to the administrative component of Licensee's service contract with VA for the "A Bridge Home" facility located on the WLA Campus ("Veterans Services"), as set forth in the Special Conditions attached hereto.

By the acceptance of this license, the licensee agrees to abide by and be bound by the general and special conditions indicated hereon and attached hereto.

**9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS**  
General Conditions, Special Conditions, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C are attached hereto.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LICENSOR	LICENSEE
<b>DATE OF LICENSE (Month, day, year)</b> 09/01/2020	<b>DATE ACCEPTED (Month, day, year)</b> 08/24/2020
<b>SIGNATURE(S) OF LICENSOR (Sign in ink)</b> Robert W. McKenrick 549533 <small>Digitally signed by Robert W. McKenrick 549533 Date: 2020.09.01 16:53:54 -0700</small>	<b>TYPED NAME OF SIGNATORY</b> Carlos L. Lopez [Signature on following page]
<b>ADDRESS OF LICENSOR</b> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs <b>Mr. Robert McKenrick</b> , Executive Director Community Engagement and Reintegration Service (CERS) and Master Plan VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System 11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90073	<b>SIGNATURE(S) OF SIGNATORY (Sign in ink)</b>
	<b>TITLE OF SIGNATORY</b> President
	<b>TELEPHONE NO. OF LICENSEE (Including Area Code)</b> <b>(b) (6)</b>

If licensee is a corporation, the following Certificate of Licensee must be executed:

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE LICENSEE	
I, _____, certify that I am the _____	
Secretary of the corporation named as licensee herein; that _____	
who signed said license on behalf of the licensee was then _____	
of said corporation; that said license was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.	
(CORPORATE) (SEAL )	_____ (Signature) (Sign in ink)



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P.O. Box 307  
Lincoln, ME 04457

3b. PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LICENSEE (No., Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

880 Main Street  
Lincoln, ME 04457

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System ("VAGLAHS")  
VA West Los Angeles Campus  
11301 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90073  
("WLA Campus"), depicted in Exhibit A

5. PERIOD COVERED

FROM (Month, day, year)

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B: Site Plan  
C: Property Description

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LICENSEE

DATE OF LICENSE (Month, day, year)

DATE ACCEPTED (Month, day, year)

8-24-2020

SIGNATURE(S) OF LICENSOR (Sign in ink)

TYPED NAME OF SIGNATORY

Carlos L. Lopez

ADDRESS OF LICENSOR

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Mr. Robert McKenrick, Executive Director  
Community Engagement and Reintegration Service  
(CERS) and Master Plan  
VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System  
11301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90073

TELEPHONE NO. OF LICENSEE (Including Area Code)

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If licensee is a corporation, the following Certificate of Licensee must be executed:

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE LICENSEE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the corporation named as licensee herein; that \_\_\_\_\_  
who signed said license on behalf of the licensee was then \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. Structures.** The licensee shall not place or construct upon, over, or under the property any installation or structure of any kind or character, except such as are specifically authorized herein.
- 3. Laws and Ordinances.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this license and any underlying privilege granted to the licensee, shall at all times be subject to applicable Federal, State, and local laws, codes, and ordinances.
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## **Congressionally Mandated Report: West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016**

**September 2023**

- 2) Renovating and maintaining the land and facilities at the Campus.
- 3) Carrying out minor construction projects at the Campus.
- 4) Carrying out community operations at the Campus that support the development of emergency shelter or supportive housing for homeless or at-risk Veterans and their families.”

Additionally, the WLAIA increases the time period for enhanced-use leases (EUL) on the VAGLAHS-WLA campus from 75 to 99 years. Increasing the length of EULs will help streamline the construction of 1,200 units of supportive housing on the VAGLAHS-WLA campus while reducing long-term costs.

As of the effective date of the WLAIA on June 23, 2021, VA was in receipt of restitution funds paid with respect to third-party land use at the VAGLAHS-WLA campus in the amount of \$4,483,507.00.

VA has utilized both lease revenue funds and restitution funds in support of the VAGLAHS-WLA campus redevelopment effort as required and provided for in the WLA Act and the WLAIA, as summarized in Table 1 below and on the next page. Due diligence is currently in process for additional projects on the VAGLAHS-WLA campus, which will facilitate the reinvestment of these funds in accordance with the WLA Act and the WLAIA. Veteran and stakeholder feedback have expressed interest in the following concepts which are currently under review: 1) phased project for a healing garden located within the domiciliary courtyard; 2) renovation of domiciliary and Community Living Center buildings; 3) renovation of the Wadsworth Theater; and 4) construction of multi-purpose exercise and recreational court located in the southern portion of the North Campus, near the domiciliary Care, Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (CTRS) and A Bridge Home housing facility.

**Table 1**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Accessibility Improvements	\$879,072.48
Administrative Trailers	\$1,394,095.88
Hygiene Trailers	\$257,255.76
Janitorial	\$526,595.02
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$6,643.05
Paving	\$1,323,490.00
Security Guard Stations	\$61,200.00
Utilities	\$3,548,590.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,996,942.19</b>

The lease revenue funds, restitution funds, expenditures and available funds as of the end of this Reporting Period (September 28, 2023), are summarized in Table 2 on page 5.

**Table 2**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lease Revenue Funds	\$9,047,394.22
Restitution Funds	\$4,483,507.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$13,530,901.22</b>
Less: Expenditures	\$7,996,942.19
<b>Available Funds as of 9/28/2023</b>	<b>\$5,533,959.03</b>

### **Discussion**

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- A Principal Developer (PD) EUL between VA and the West Los Angeles Veterans Collective, LLC (WLAVC) to deliver the balance of the housing for homeless and at-risk Veterans on the VAGLAHS-WLA campus includes the following:
  - A Sublease between VA and Century Housing Corporation, (Century WLAVA 1 LP), for Building 404;
  - A Sublease between VA and Thomas Safran & Associates, (VA Building 402 LP), for Building 402;
  - A Sublease between VA and Century Housing Corporation, (WLAVA 2 LP), for Buildings 156 and 157;
- An EUL between VA and Core Affordable Housing, LLC, (MacArthur A, LP), for MacArthur Field Phase I;
- A proposed EUL between VA and Core Affordable Housing, LLC, (MacArthur B, LP), for MacArthur Field Phase II;
- A lease between VA and Brentwood School;
- A lease between VA and Regents of UCLA;
- A lease between VA and SafetyPark Corporation;
- A lease between VA and Wadsworth Chapel Heritage Partners;
- An easement agreement, which was replaced with a revocable license during the

**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board (VCOEB)**  
**Federal Advisory Committee (FAC)**

**DATE: 15 February 2023**

**VCOEB Board Members Present**

Lt GEN (Ret). John Hopper Jr. (Chair)  
Philip Mangano (Vice Chair)  
Anthony Allman  
Dr. Joshua Bamberger  
Christine Barre  
Robert Begland  
Keith Boylan  
Aimee Bravo (virtual)  
Stephanie Cohen (virtual)  
Jennifer Marshall (virtual)  
Jim Perley  
Joseph Sapien  
Kristine Stanley (virtual)  
Dennis Tucker (virtual)  
Hamilton Underwood (virtual)  
Shawn VanDiver  
Dr. Mark Wellisch  
Jim Zenner

**VCOEB Board Members Absent**

Heidi Marston  
Larry Vasquez

**VA Employees and Staff Present**

Tanya Bradsher	Michael Fisher
John Boerstler	Chris Beaubien
Dr. Keith Harris	Angell Bolden-Green
Jennifer Purdy	Dennis Sutran Jr.
Dr. Steven Braverman	Roberto Marshall
John Kuhn	Kristin Grotecloss
Alan Trinh	Robert Davenport
Eugene Skinner (DFO)	Sally Hammitt
Jeffery Moragne	Jill Albanese
Chihung Szeto	Andrew Strain
Joe Friddle	Janet Turner
Janet Elder	Jennifer Amos
Cyndee Costello (Contractor)	Jeff Tennon
Nathalie Chaves (Contractor)	Yanira Gomez
Scott Hathaway	Jerald Proper
Rika Brown	Michael Lessand

Darryl Darden  
David Ignacio

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Claudio Diaz

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David E.	Joe Cowan (virtual presenter)
John Oppenheim	Nicole Jean (virtual presenter)
Dan Ortiz	William Dahlen
Mark Hanna	Tyler Moore
Ray Heche	Deavin Sessom
Francisco Juarez	Alfred Areyan
Lawrence Loughlin	Rob Reynolds
Preston Scott	Austin Harvill
Dan Ortiz	David Echavarria

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance	<p><b>Lt GEN (Ret). John D. Hopper Jr., Chair; Mr. Eugene Skinner Jr. Designated Federal Officer (DFO); alternate DFO is Chihung Szeto.</b></p> <p>DFO welcomed members and turned the meeting over to Lt GEN (Ret). Hopper.</p> <p>Lt GEN (Ret). Hopper leads the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 101	<p><b>Mr. Jeffrey Moragne, Director, Advisory Committee Management Office.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Moragne introduced himself and explained that the Advisory Committee Management Office (ACMO) oversees the VA's portfolio of 26 FACs which cover health, research, benefits, and underserved Veterans.</li><li>• Provide some "Rules of the Road" from the FACA, VA policy and to provide some Best Practices.</li><li>• Reviewed some history:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ FACA was created in 1972c,</li><li>○ 8,000 FACs were decreased to 1,000,</li><li>○ 50 years later there are approximately 1,000 FACs,</li><li>○ FACA provides instruction on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ How to establish a FAC?</li><li>▪ How to manage a FAC?</li><li>▪ How to terminate a FAC?</li><li>▪ A FAC, a statutory or discretionary can be terminated.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• The FAC body of work must produce results. It must affect the Veteran constituency that it was designed to serve.</li><li>• There are some new FACs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tribal and Indian Affairs,</li><li>○ They are currently standing up the Department of Veterans Affairs U.S. Outlying Territories and Freely Associated States FAC.</li></ul></li><li>• FACs recently terminated:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Genomic Medicine Program FAC after 13-years,</li><li>○ Fraud, Waste and Abuse FAC.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>What is the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)?</b></li></ul>

- Open houses not possible in 205/7/8 as developers could not host an event as buildings are still under construction.
- Bringing “open house” to Veterans on campus
  - January 23 at Domiciliary, 18 referrals
  - January 24 at A Bridge Home, 16 referrals
  - February 8 at New Directions, 23 referrals
- On December 23, 6,574 Veterans homeless or at-risk Veterans targeted with robocalls. Repeated January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Live follow-up calls with most recent and active on BNL
  - 616 contacted

#### **EUL Referral Results**

- 87 referrals to 207 and 13 acceptances
  - 18 pending 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification
  - 16 Veterans declined, 8 denied acceptance (5 over income)
  - Unicorn required: 30% AMI, 62+ age, 26 units SMI only (12 must also be chronically homeless)
- 187 referrals to 205/8, acceptances on hold
  - 3 denials
  - Set Up holding off on paperwork so it won’t expire before first Veterans move-in, likely not until April.
  - Believes sufficient referrals now available to fill building
- Dr. Bamberger comment/question: How many referrals are coming from on campus?
  - Mr. Kuhn’s response: He did not have the breakdown numbers, but they prioritize those on campus.

#### **CTRS Update**

- Operations contract awarded January 27<sup>th</sup> will allow staff to cover areas such as food service for example.
- Trying to avoid temporary details of staff, this was only to fill a short-term need. Retention bonus approved to support staffing levels.
- New showers and bathrooms
- Approved for dental services
- Added RT services
- Roadway paving (Feb 13)
- Planning outdoor kitchen, food contract, security cameras

#### **Call Center Volume**

From - To	Total
12/16/2022-12/22/2022	11
12/23/2022-12/29/2022	25
12/20/2022-01/05/2023	26
01/06/2023-01/12/2023	29
01/13/2023-01/19/2023	30
01/20/2023-01/26/2023	22
01/27/2023-02/02/2023	25
TOTAL	168



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City of L.A. has put a transmittal through, regarding the 60% AMI, to the Mayor for the Mayor's office to sign off on and going forward to the city council in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• Building 207 completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New 60-unit senior Veteran housing age 62+.</li> <li>○ Temporary certificate of occupancy received.</li> <li>○ Another month of inspections with the county to make sure they were eligible for the PBF vouchers.</li> <li>○ Finishing touches on the project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Ms. Banko: Outreach effort updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VA HUD-VASH providing referrals from County By Name List (BNL), SSVF providers, GPD Social Work, County Peer Support and VA transitional housing (e.g., CTRS, New Directions, A Bridge Home, etc.).</li> <li>• County Department of Mental Health and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority providing referrals as well.</li> <li>• VA hosted housing fairs to facilitate Veteran access to West L.A. VA North Campus Buildings 205, 207, and 208. VA HUD-VASH screeners, SSVF, TSA, and Step-Up Property Management, and U.S. Vets in attendance.</li> <li>• U.S. Vets reaching out to Veterans, service providers, and programs.</li> <li>• They are currently looking through Veteran cases that now reside with the programs to identify SMI Veterans specifically for those units. They are getting the word out and networking in order to fill those units and information on how to access those units and how to refer Veterans.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Monroe: Lease Up update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building 207: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 82 referrals,</li> <li>○ six have moved in,</li> <li>○ four more by the end of the week,</li> <li>○ seven pending final approval by the County of L.A.,</li> <li>○ 24 are being interviewed or are part of the qualification process,</li> <li>○ five have been scheduled for interviews,</li> <li>○ 13 have been contacted for eligibility interviews,</li> <li>○ 16 declined housing opportunities,</li> <li>○ for those that have been nonresponsive or those that are not eligible, they have been referred to Step Up for other housing programs within the community.</li> <li>○ no one is being turned away, they are collaborating with the Step-Up team and VA team to ensure that is happening.</li> <li>○ of the 82 referrals only six were over the 30% AMI income and of the six, only three were over income because of service-connected disability.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr. Bamberger comment/question: If someone has 100% disabled payments where are they in the average median income in Los Angeles County?</li> </ul>
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## Congressionally Mandated Report West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016

September 2022

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on leases and land-sharing agreements carried out by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System — West Los Angeles (VAGLAHS-WLA) campus located in Los Angeles, California, to the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs; House and Senate Committees on Appropriations; and each Member of the House and Senate representing the VAGLAHS-WLA campus area. This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 114-226 § 2(j) of the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (WLA Act). The period for this report is from September 29, 2021, through September 28, 2022 (Reporting Period).

## Background

During the Reporting Period, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and related Federal, state and local state of emergency declarations and protocols have and continue to impact both VAGLAHS-WLA campus health care operations and the operations of VA's various land use partners. Additional precautions including masking, social distancing and hygiene remain implemented.

Social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of California and the City and County of Los Angeles (County) necessitated a less-dense bed layout than was originally planned for the A Bridge Home housing facility that VA and the City opened on the VAGLAHS-WLA campus. Virtual health continued where practicable while face-to-face interactions and activities still have various levels of limitations. VA continues its discussions with land users to determine how best to continue adequate Veteran-focused services for use of the VAGLAHS-WLA campus despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 and related protocols, either by rolling in-kind consideration obligations forward to future years or through other means.

On April 6, 2020, VAGLAHS initiated Care, Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (CTRS). A unique component of VAGLAHS' COVID-19 response, CTRS provides low-barrier entry to high-risk homeless Veterans with health care, case management, peer support, meal services, a clean environment and transitional housing assistance. Participants are provided access to VA medical and behavioral health care services, three daily meals, clean water, soap, bathrooms, showers, weekly laundry services and housing assistance to stay healthy during their participation in CTRS. Accessible and Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations are available for those with impaired mobility. The CTRS site originally included 100 spaces in a designated tented living area for Veterans with 24-hour onsite security. All participants are screened for the COVID-19 virus upon entry to the site. Veterans who test positive or who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 are placed in separate accommodations until they fully recover. Community partners and land users have worked with VAGLAHS to help launch and support CTRS through the donation of tarps, tents, sleeping bags, hygiene items, bedding, clothing, footwear and meals.

Category	Cost
Hygiene Trailers	\$168,814.92
Janitorial	\$526,595.02
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$6,643.05
Paving	\$164,542.00
Security Guard Stations	\$61,200.00
Utilities	\$2,873,006.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,946,656.35</b>

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Less: Expenditures	\$4,946,656.35
<b>Available Funds as of 09/28/2022</b>	<b>\$7,057,824.65</b>

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# NPR And California Public Radio Stations Collaborate On A Statewide Regional Newsroom



Joanne Griffith, [managing editor of the California newsroom](#)

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*Joanne Griffith introduced as the first managing editor of the collaboration, which aims to help to boost coverage throughout the state, especially in areas that have seen local reporting shrink or disappear*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, February 6, 2020— Public radio stations across California are teaming up with NPR on a California regional newsroom to increase coverage of statewide issues and boost reporting from and for underserved regions across the state. Joanne Griffith, a widely respected and deeply experienced reporter and producer, was hired as the newsroom's first managing editor.

Led by KQED in San Francisco, the public radio collaboration includes KPBS, CapRadio, KPCC/LAist and KCRW as anchor stations and NPR as the statewide newsroom's national partner. Four of the five anchor stations already work together through the California Dream journalism collaboration, launched with funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 2017. Ultimately, the collaborative aims to include participation from all public radio stations in the state, especially those in "news deserts" or areas that lack robust local news coverage as small town newspapers have declined.

Griffith comes to the job with trust and respect throughout the public media network, most recently serving as the assistant managing editor of digital for *Marketplace*.

"California is at the heart of so many stories of national interest: immigration, technology, the environment, housing," said Griffith. "So the opportunity to work collaboratively with stations across the state to tackle these themes and more is one I'm very much looking forward to, especially during an election year."

In her role at *Marketplace*, Griffith created an editorial strategy for marketplace.org, developed processes for *Marketplace* content creators to better showcase their work online, analyzed metrics to inform products to serve the audience and developed a culture of audience engagement. Prior to her tenure at *Marketplace*, Griffith edited and produced for the BBC, NPR and Southern California Public Radio.

Griffith will work out of the KPCC/LAist offices in Pasadena but will be leading daily collaboration and coordination between news outlets across California, including public media affiliates in Fresno, Chico, San Luis Obispo and beyond. Her initial focus will be on 2020 election coverage.



"As the media industry faces increasing economic and political pressures, working together collaboratively to deliver public interest journalism is more important than ever," said Holly Kernan, chief content officer at KQED and a key champion of this effort. "This collaborative effort will ensure California citizens have accurate, independent and important news from across the state, which can only improve our democracy."

The California news hub is the second such collaboration in the country, joining The Texas Newsroom, which launched last year and produces six live, statewide newscasts each weekday that draw content from public radio stations large and small across Texas.

"We are thrilled to have such a strong news leader like Joanne serving as the managing editor of the California regional newsroom. Her appointment is a critical step in our effort to build out a national network that strengthens local news, covers our states from coast to coast, and serves the public," said Nancy Barnes, senior vice president of news and editorial director for NPR.

NPR and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting have made significant investments in the national collaborative journalism initiative, which will help reshape the way public media stations engage their audiences. Both organizations have identified this collaboration as a prototype for the way stations throughout the country can share resources in order to produce more of the journalism their communities need and reach new audiences.

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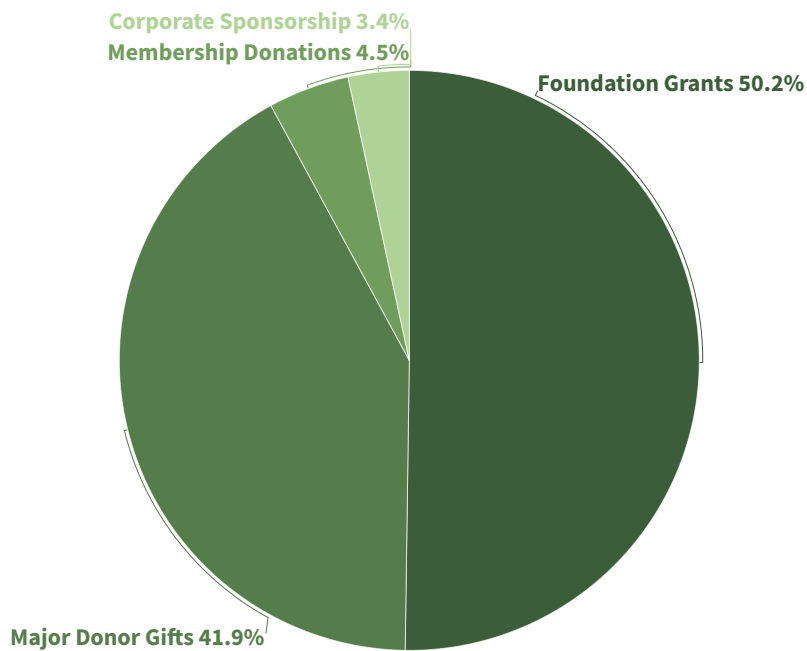
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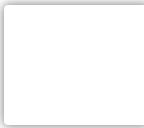
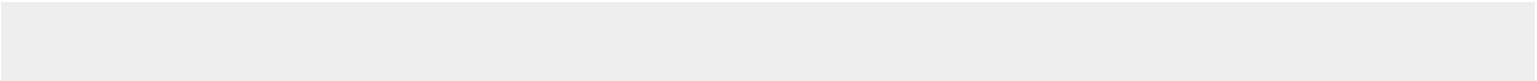
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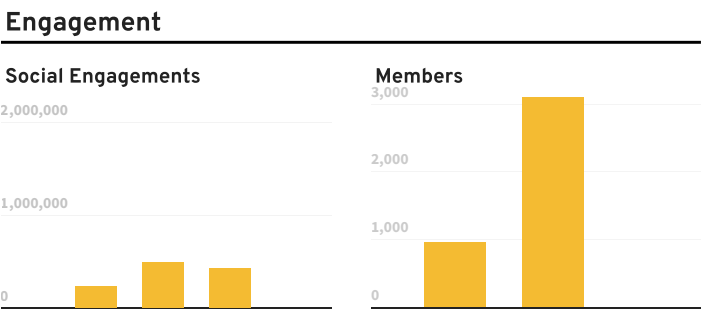
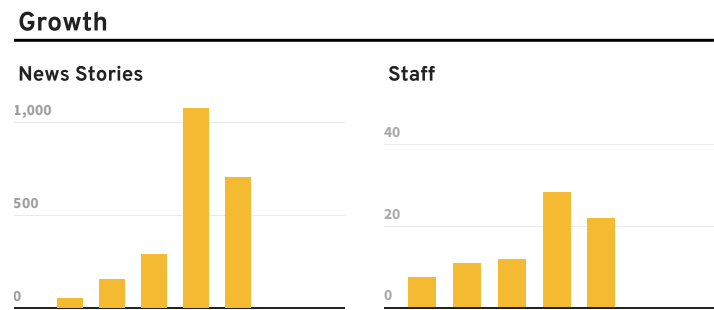
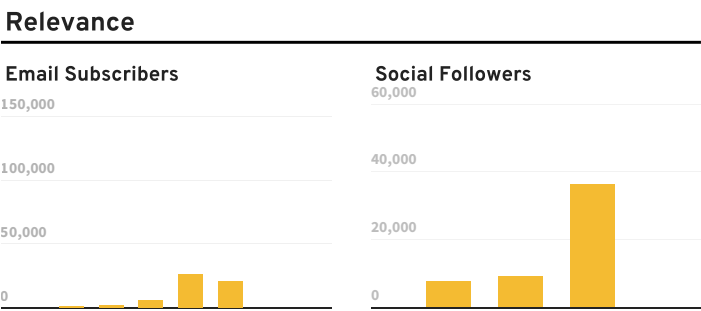
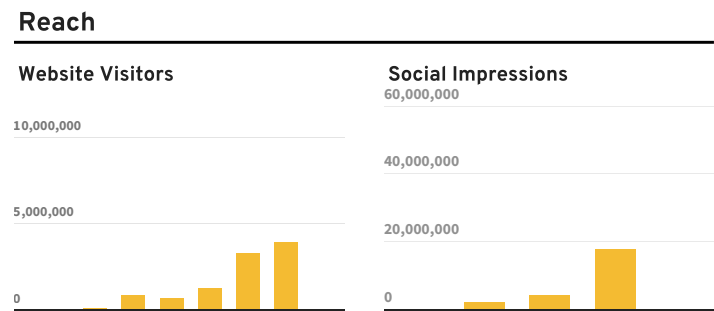


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Salinas Californian	San Gabriel Valley Tribune	Santa Rosa Press Democrat	<b>Venice Current</b>
San Benito County News	San Jose Inside	Santa Ynez Valley News	Ventura County Star
San Benito Magazine	San Jose Spotlight	Shasta Scout	Visalia Times-Delta
San Bernardino Sun	San Jose Mercury News	SiliconValley.com	Voice of Monterey Bay
San Diego Daily Transcript	San Jose Post-Record	SoCo News	Voice of Orange County
San Diego Metro Magazine	San Jose Spotlight	Stockton Record	Voice of San Diego
San Diego Union-Tribune	San Luis Obispo Tribune	Territorial Dispatch	West Sacramento Sun
San Fernando Sun	Santa Barbara News-Press	Times of San Diego	WeHo Daily
San Francisco Chronicle	Santa Clarita Valley Business	Ukiah Daily Journal	Wheatland Sun
San Francisco Examiner	Journal   The Santa Clarita Valley	The Union Democrat	<b>Whittier Daily News</b>
San Francisco Public Press	Signal	<b>USA Today</b>	Willits News
San Francisco Standard	Santa Cruz Sentinel	Vacaville Reporter	Willits Weekly
San Francisco Weekly	Santa Maria Times	Vallejo Times-Herald	Winters Express

## ETHNIC MEDIA

Across Black America	Korea Daily California	Otras Voces en Educacion	Southern California Black
Bakersfield News Observer	Korea Times	Our Weekly	Business Journal
Black Voice News	La Comadre	Pace Newspaper	Sun Reporter
Central Valley News	La Opinion	Pasadena Journal	Tri County Sentry
China Press	L.A Focus	Precinct Reporter	Vision Hispana
Compton Herald	L.A. Sentinel	Sac Cultural Hub Magazine	Viet Bao
El Observador	L.A. Watts Times	Sacramento Observer	World Journal California
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Impacto USA	Latin Bay Area	San Francisco Bay View	
Inglewood Today	Oakland Post	Slavic Sacramento	
Inland Valley News	OnMe News	Sing Tao Daily	

## PUBLIC MEDIA

Capital Public Radio  
 Jefferson Public Radio  
 KALW  
 KCAA  
 KCBX  
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**KCRW**  
 KDEE  
 KFMB  
 KJLH  
**KPBS**  
**KPCC**  
 KPFA  
**KPFK**

## TOPICAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS

**The American Spectator**  
 California City News  
**Center for Health Journalism**  
 Civil Eats  
 Climate Desk  
 Countable  
 The Counter  
 EdSource  
 Education Views  
**Education Writers Association**  
 Elemental: Covering Sustainability  
 Energy News Network  
 Ensia  
**Government Technology**

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KVCR  
KZFR  
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North State Public Radio  
Yuba-Sutter Community Media

## COMMERCIAL TELEVISION

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ABC 10 Sacramento  
ABC30 Fresno  
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## NEWSLETTERS

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California One  
[California Political Review](#)  
California Sun  
CalWatchDog  
[Essential California: LA Times](#)  
Fox and Hounds  
[Government Executive](#)  
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Rough and Tumble  
Route Fifty

Homeward Street Journal  
The Imprint  
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# About Us



California Divide reporter Alejandro Lazo moderates a panel on homeownership at the CalMatters Studio in Sacramento on May 23, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

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## Our Mission

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To improve California's democracy by making its government more transparent and accountable and giving Californians the information they need to understand and engage with that government.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### When was CalMatters founded? What is the ownership structure?

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We were incorporated on Dec. 3, 2014. We are a [nonprofit organization](#) guided by a board of directors.

Our first day of publication was July 18, 2015. Our first work touched on: [greenhouse gas emissions](#), [climate change advocates](#), [the climate change battle](#), a [look at if the state will meet its greenhouse gas goals](#), [California's environmental future](#), an [opinion column on electric cars](#), an [opinion column on extreme weather](#) and an [opinion column on electricity generation](#).

### Who funds CalMatters?

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We are funded by a mix of foundations, major donors, members and corporate sponsors. We disclose our [supporters](#) and post our [tax returns and financial statements](#).

### Are our journalists independent of special interests?

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Our news gathering and editing is independent of commercial or political interests. We do not accept gifts of any kind that could lead to a conflict-of-interest or appearance thereof. The newsroom is insulated from donors, sponsors and advertisers as outlined in our [policies and standards page](#).

### What are our policies for ethics and privacy?

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View our policies and standards [here](#).

### Are we open to actionable feedback?

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Our audiences are frontline witnesses to life in California – public safety, politics, housing, social movements, schools, culture – and your insights can help shape our news. We invite your comments on news stories, suggestions for issues to cover or sources to consult. We believe that news organizations have a responsibility to engage with the public on the values, issues and ideas of the day, and that we have much to gain in return. Contact us at [info@calmatters.org](mailto:info@calmatters.org).

serve, and when our website is fully accessible.

The complex issues we face as a society require respect for different viewpoints. Race and ethnicity, class, generation, geography and other factors all affect point of view. Reflecting these differences across our organization leads to better, more nuanced stories and a better-informed community.

**Staff:** We believe that a more diverse news team helps us to better accomplish our mission and serve people across the state. We are actively working to build a team of people who represent the community across race and ethnicity, ideology, socioeconomic status and gender. We are also actively committed to building an inclusive workplace where various viewpoints are included and welcomed in order to improve our work. We also work on maintaining equity across our staff.

**Leadership:** We are firmly committed to diversity among our board of directors and internal leadership. Organizational leadership positions matter, as these people have greater influence over the work that we do and how we do it.

**Content:** Our journalists are committed to diversifying our sources along with carefully considering the words, phrases and labels we use in our writing.

**Audiences:** We can only truly serve the people of California by focusing on reaching many communities across racial and ethnic backgrounds, language preferences, socioeconomic status, and other factors.

**Accessibility:** We are committed to making our organization accessible to people with a variety of mental and physical capabilities internally and externally. We maintain an office in Sacramento that is physically accessible. We understand that hiring people across the accessibility spectrum can help improve the work that we do. And we understand that improving the ways in which people use our content includes careful consideration of people with different physical abilities.

## Board of Directors

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**Simone Coxe**

CHAIR EMERITUS AND CO-FOUNDER

Simone Coxe is a native Californian committed to journalism as a means to create a better world. She is on the board of Internews, whose focus is on building sustainable local media around the world. She serves on the advisory board of the UC Berkeley School of Journalism. And she spent eleven years on the KQED board. Professionally, Simone co-founded Blanc & Otus, a public relations firm serving the technology industry, and served as its CEO from 1985-2000.



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**Chris Boskin**  
CO-FOUNDER

Chris Boskin is a highly respected veteran of magazine publishing, with a career that includes senior positions with Worth Media, The New Yorker Magazine, Hearst Corporation, East West Network, and Knapp Communications. She was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2008 to chair the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and currently serves as an advisor to Tech4GS. She has served on the boards of NPR, Internews, College Track, the Gladstone Institutes and Higher Ground. She is a member of the Board Development Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee.

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**John Boland**  
CHAIR

John Boland is president emeritus of KQED public media, where was the organization's president & chief executive officer for nine years before retiring in 2019. Boland now serves as chair of the CalMatters board of directors, chair of the Green Music Center board of advisors at Sonoma State University, and vice chair of the Commonwealth Club of California board of governors. A media executive and journalist, Boland is a leader in the reinvention of public media to serve the rapidly changing needs of the American public in the digital age. He served for four years as the first chief content officer of the national Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) between two stints at KQED. Prior to his tenure at PBS, Boland held several executive positions at KQED for more than a decade, including executive vice president and chief operating officer, and vice president of marketing, development and communications. He also created the role of chief content officer at KQED in 2002 — the first such position in public media. Boland began his multi-faceted media career as an award-winning daily newspaper reporter and editor in his native New Jersey. He has been a newspaper publisher and owner, a senior executive with two major international marketing and communications firms, and publisher of San Francisco Focus (now San Francisco magazine). Boland and his partner, James Carroll, divide their time between San Francisco and Dos Reis Ranch in Sebastopol, California.

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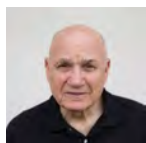
**Hema Sareen Mohan**  
VICE CHAIR

Hema Sareen Mohan brings more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit and public sectors. Her areas of expertise and focus include education policy, juvenile justice, and police reform. For a decade, she worked in the California State Senate and County of Santa Clara. While in the State Senate, she worked on the landmark legislation to change the kindergarten entry age and create a new grade known as transitional kindergarten in California public schools. Hema's nonprofit experience includes seven years at the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nonprofit policy and research organization, where she designed and directed a

training program for school-based police officers to use positive behavior support techniques with students, and worked on an alternative-to-detention program for immigrants in deportation proceedings. Hema is also a published poet and was most recently a finalist for the San Mateo County Poet Laureate.

She serves on the boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, [Stanford University's Institute for Research](#) in the Social Sciences, and the Child & Family Institute. Hema holds a BA in political science from Hunter College and an MPA from Columbia University. She is a member of the Board Finance Committee and Development Committee.

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## Gregory Favre

TREASURER

Gregory Favre is a long-distinguished figure in the world of journalism. His decades of newspaper experience include serving as assistant sports editor of the Atlanta Journal, managing editor of the Dayton Daily News, editor of the Palm Beach Post, news director of WPLG-TV in Miami, editor of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, managing editor of the Chicago Daily News and the Chicago SunTimes, executive editor of The Sacramento Bee, and vice president of news for McClatchy Newspapers. He is a former [president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the California Society of Newspaper Editors](#), and was a fellow for journalism values at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has [served on numerous industry boards](#) and advisory committees, as well as on the [advisory board for the UC Davis Health Systems](#) and as [chair of the Foundation for American Communications](#). He chairs the Board Finance Committee.

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## Dean Baquet

Dean Baquet leads the Local Investigations Fellowship at The New York Times, where was formerly the executive editor. He also served as editor of the Los Angeles Times and was a reporter at the Chicago Tribune and his hometown paper, the Times-Picayune in New Orleans. He was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting in 1988 along with two colleagues for coverage of city council corruption in Chicago.

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## Christy Chin

Christy Chin, an advocate of social entrepreneurship and [high-impact philanthropy](#), was a [partner at the Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation for more than a decade](#). There, she was instrumental in growing the Foundation's pipeline, [supporting the portfolio and stewarding donor partners](#), [while serving on the boards of many of the organizations it supports](#). She previously worked at the

Skoll Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bedrock Capital Partners and **Norwest Venture Capital** and at a venture-backed company, The Frontier Group. Chin is currently on the boards of Vote.org, Food Forward and the Save the Waves Coalition. She received her MBA from the Harvard Business School and holds a BA in history from Colgate University.

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**Janet Clayton**

Janet Clayton was most recently the **senior vice president of corporate communications for Southern California Edison and its parent company Edison International**. Prior to joining Edison, Clayton was president of ThinkCure, a community-based nonprofit that raises funds for cancer research and is the official charity of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Prior to ThinkCure, Clayton had a distinguished career at the **Los Angeles Times** as a key member of the newspaper's leadership team. She held numerous positions, including editor of the editorial pages, where she determined the Times' official opinions, and California section editor, where she managed the largest news staff at the newspaper. Clayton has received many accolades for excellence in her profession, including recognition as the editor of two Pulitzer Prize-winning series. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California. She is the Chair of the Board Development Committee and a member of the Board Executive Committee.

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**Efraín Escobedo**

Efraín Escobedo is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Nonprofit Management, which trains, supports and strengthens the people leading nonprofit organizations across Southern California. He was previously **Vice President of Public Policy and Civic Engagement at The California Community Foundation**. His work is informed by years of experience in government and the nonprofit sector, including **voter education efforts and modernization of the voting systems in Los Angeles County**. Escobedo chairs the board of Hispanics in Philanthropy and is on the board of the Mi Familia Vota Education Fund and the policy **advisory committee for Southern California Grantmakers**. He earned his bachelor's degree in American Studies and Ethnicity from the University of Southern California and his Master of Business Administration from the University of La Verne and is a **graduate of the Los Angeles County Executive Leadership Program, a partnership with USC Sol Price School of Public Policy**.

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**Robert Hernandez**

Robert Hernandez is a journalism **professor at USC's Annenberg school** who explores the intersection of technology and journalism. He and his students create innovative, award-winning journalism with technologies like augmented reality, virtual

reality and wearables. He was previously a news producer and director of development at The Seattle Times.

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**Brian Jaffe**

Brian Jaffe is the founder and CEO of the California Cottage Company, an affordable housing venture. He was previously the CEO of VOCA, a civic-engagement technology platform, and is a former board member of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Flora Family Foundation.

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**Jeff Klein**

Jeffrey S. Klein has had a 40 year career in the media world as a business executive, lawyer and writer. He co-founded 101communications, a multimedia business publisher and event producer that later became 1105 Media, where he now serves as Executive Chairman. He spent 15 years with the Los Angeles Times as a senior executive and started his career there as the newsroom lawyer. He also was CEO of California Community Newspapers. He wrote a regular consumer law column for the LA Times and a business column for Folio Magazine, which named him one of the forty most influential people in the industry. He has taught graduate level media courses at USC and Columbia University and served as Executive in Residence at the Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy. He was Chairman of MEND, an anti-poverty nonprofit, and now sits on the Board of Trustees of Claremont McKenna College, his alma mater. He chairs the Board Strategic Planning Committee and is a member of the Board Executive Committee.

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**David "Mas" Masumoto**

David "Mas" Masumoto is an organic peach and grape farmer and the author of 11 books including: Epitaph for a Peach, Wisdom of the Last Farmer, Heirlooms, Letters to the Valley, Four Seasons in Five Senses, Harvest Son, Country Voices, and Silent Strength. He, along with his wife, Marcy, and daughter, Nikiko, published a family farm cookbook, The Perfect Peach in 2013. Masumoto is now a columnist for The Fresno Bee and the Sacramento Bee. He was a Kellogg Foundation Food and Society Policy Fellow from 2006-2008. His writing awards include Commonwealth Club Silver medal, Julia Child Cookbook award, and the James Clavell Literacy Award. He is on the board of the Central Valley Community Foundation and the National Council for the Arts, which is the board of the National Endowment for the Arts. He also served on the James Irvine Foundation board and is the former chair of the California Council for the Humanities board. He is a member of the Board Strategic Planning Committee.

[READ LESS](#)**Jack Mosbacher**

Jack Mosbacher is a partner at Watchfire Ventures who also toured with Train as a professional musician, published in Foreign Affairs and The Washington Quarterly as a journalist and played baseball at Stanford University. He serves on the advisory council at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and the NextGen Board at the Hoover Institution.

[READ LESS](#)**Leo Wolinsky**

Leo Wolinsky has a long and illustrious career spanning more than 30 years at the Los Angeles Times, where he served as a correspondent, City Editor, California Political Editor and Deputy Chief of the State Capitol Bureau. He also served as Executive, Managing and Associate Editor at the paper. Wolinsky directed the Times' coverage of the Los Angeles Riots and Northridge Earthquake, reporting that earned the newspaper two Pulitzer Prizes. He has since served as Editor of Daily Variety and now consults with media companies on a wide range of issues. He is the chair of the Board Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of the Board Audit Committee.

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## Our Story

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CalMatters was founded in 2015 to fill the gap left by a shrinking press corps: to empower people to engage on key issues, hold the powerful accountable and create a better California.

We are now the trusted source for information and analysis on complex statewide policies and politics.

Our office is in Sacramento, but our team is spread out across the state. Our diverse team includes more than 50 experienced journalists along with product and revenue professionals.

We reach 1 in 10 people across the state by distributing our work, at no cost, to more than 250 media partners. We have readers and listeners in every major metropolitan area and throughout the state's nearly 500 cities.

Our team has been recognized and honored with top state, regional and national [awards](#) from the National Press Club, the Online News Association, the Society of Environmental Journalists, the Public Media Journalists Association, the [Institute for Nonprofit News](#), the Edward R. Murrow Award, the Society of Professional Journalists, Best of the West and California News Publishers.

We're supported by a diverse and growing group of members, major donors, media, community and family foundations, and institutional supporters.

Our work has inspired changes across the spectrum of issues we cover including environment, education, public health, public safety, governance, natural disaster response, campaign finance, housing, jobs and more.



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento, CA – [Voter's Edge California](#), a comprehensive online voter guide in English and Spanish, announced today it is partnering with multiple California public media outlets as well as the Los Angeles Times to offer comprehensive, unbiased information on candidates and ballot measures from the top of the ticket down to the local level for California voters. Voter's Edge users can explore candidates' priorities, endorsements and top donors, as well as ballot measure explanations and campaign funding.

In 2022, Voter's Edge partners include KQED, KPBS, KPCC, Capital Public Radio, KCRW, the California Newsroom, and the Los Angeles Times. Voters in California will head to the polls for the primary election on June 7, but many voters will vote by mail beginning in May.

To use the guide, voters simply enter in their home address and Voter's Edge shows a personalized page with all the contests that will appear on the user's ballot, including: endorsements; funding sources; editorials; [news articles](#); biographies, and more.

Voters can also use Voter's Edge to find their polling place or vote center and can mark and print their choices to bring to the polls or share with family and friends via social media. Voter's Edge is a joint project of MapLight and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF).

**"Propaganda and disinformation are being used to undermine our democracy and discourage voters from participating. Voter's Edge is the antidote to that misinformation and puts the facts in the hands of voters, ensuring that they can vote with confidence on Election Day,"** said Stephanie Doute, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of [California Education Fund](#). **"Partnering with trusted media outlets like public media and the Los Angeles Times ensures voters are getting the unbiased information they need."**

In 2020, Voter's Edge received 2.2 million visitors. An additional [80,000 visitors](#) accessed the guide during the California Gubernatorial Recall Election in September. More than three quarters of Voter's Edge users reported that they would vote for