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The Honorable Robert McDonald  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Secretary McDonald,

As Chair of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) I am writing to express our strong support for the West LA VA master plan that you adopted on January 28, 2016. Congratulations!

On behalf of our 16 member cities and unincorporated areas, the SBCCOG has already come together to address homeless services in the South Bay and the West LA VA project will provide much needed services for our veterans.

In addition, we are very pleased that H.R. 5936, Veterans Care Agreement and West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 have been signed into law and will reinstate West LA VA's ability to enter into Enhanced Use Lease agreements that will provide increased housing opportunities and reintegration services for the entire veteran community.

If you need further information from the SBCCOG, please contact Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque at 310-371-7222 and/or [jenniferz@southbaycities.org](mailto:jenniferz@southbaycities.org) for any further assistance regarding this matter.

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments appreciates your dedication to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

James Osborne  
SBCCOG Chair  
Councilman, City of Lawndale

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