

DRAFT RESOLUTION 20-23

SUBJECT: Los Angeles VA Land Use

SOURCE: CA

WHEREAS, the original deeded purpose of the Veteran gift-land in West Los Angeles, CA, is to "permanently maintain" it as a home with a beach for disabled Veterans, and,

WHEREAS, large portions of that gift-land are currently occupied and controlled by non-veteran special interests, and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veteran Affairs released its official report describing those non-veteran leases as violations of the originally intended purpose, and,

WHEREAS, past AMVETS National and State Conventions have unanimously approved the advocacy and challenge of those violations, and,

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2019, advocates will call upon the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs to review and consider the VETERAN MASTER PLAN that prioritizes shelter and mental health services without non-veteran leases on the gift-land, and,

WHEREAS, the VETERAN MASTER PLAN frames all land-use policy within the specific and permanent language of the terms, conditions, spirit and intent of the Act of 1887 and the two deeds of **1888**,

WHEREAS, the VETERAN MASTER PLAN calls for immediate construction of shelter and establishment of on-site mental health services, and the prohibition of leasing to any non-veteran special interest that is not a provider of service that is 100%-direct-bene fit to disabled Veterans further, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, this 2019 California Department of AMVETS Convention does hereby support and endorse the basic concept of the VETERAN MASTER PLAN to be presented to the National Veteran Community Engagement Oversight Board on August 14, 2019, further,

RESOLVED, this 2019 California Department of AMVETS Convention calls upon the voting members of the 2020 National AMVETS Convention to also support and endorse the basic concept of the VETERAN MASTER PLAN

Committee Recommendations:

VAVS & VA Hospital and Medical Services, Rehabilitation Benefits Committee:

Communications Committee: Amendment – Remove references to “California Department of”

Floor Action: ADOPTED as amended