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RE: West Los Angeles VA "Master & Community Plans"

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 2007, I am a National Board Director of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organization (VSO) and preside over the VSO's Ninth Region; wherein lay the over 700-acre National Home for Disabled Veterans - Deeded to the United States Federal Government *"to be Permanently Maintained as a National Home for disabled Veterans... Particularly unemployed Veterans"*; as accepted upon those Terms by several Acts of Congress, since before there was a Los Angeles City West of Hollywood.

I am also the Secretary of a California VVA Chapter since 1996. In 2000, I was the Central District Director of VVA's California State Council. Between 2001 - 2003, I served the Board of VVA's Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund, now known as the Veterans Support Foundation. In 2002, I was President of VVA's California State Council. Currently I am also the VVA California State Service Council's Chief Service Officer and Second Vice President.

So far the only position I have not been democratically elected to serve Veterans in, is that of an Army Medic during the Vietnam War between 1966 - 1968, however the experience of that position is a motivating factor behind my lifelong service to Veterans, particularly disabled Veterans.

During my service to VVA as a National Board Director between 2011 - 2015, our VSO was / remains Plaintiff to the Valentini v. Shinseki Civil Rights Action in Our Ninth District Federal Court, located within my Region... Since when I've yet to Notice any Settlement Agreement to that Action that VVA ever Signed, let alone knew about; until UCLA Attorney Gary Blasi surprisingly announced one purportedly exists to the Press on January 28th, 2015. Amid Blasi's claim, I've yet to Notice any Settlement Agreement to Valentini on the Federal Case Docket; and earlier this year I was provided Responding Documents to an FOIA Request for settlement agreements to Valentini - wherein the U.S. Department of Justice, namely Counsel to Defendants in Valentini, Declared *"No Responsive Documents"* exist.

For the first time, on January 28th, 2015 - I noticed a document UCLA Attorney Gary Blasi and Corporate Attorney Ronald L. Olson wrote entitled, *"Principles for a Partnership and Framework By and Between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Representatives of the Plaintiffs - Valentini v. McDonald"*; signed by Olson and former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Robert A. McDonald. Olson Declared that this Document I'd never seen until after the Press received it, was executed on behalf of *"all Plaintiffs to Valentini"*.

Unfortunately, none of the lofty achievements Olson and McDonald aspired to endeavor "*for the benefit of our nation's veterans*" in that document were ever realized. Given the Document Declares it "*is not intended to be enforceable in any court*", Olson and McDonald might not be liable for those failures.

One of the only failed objectives Olson and McDonald endeavored in their framework memorandum of January 28th, 2015 that I do not believe is hard to achieve, especially amid Our U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs nearly \$300,000,000,000.00 annual Federal Budget, is a "*New Master Plan... to set out the most effective use of the [WLA VA Soldiers Home] campus for veterans, particularly for homeless veterans, including underserved populations, such as female veterans, aging veterans, and those who are severely physically or mentally disabled, and the process by which that use will be implemented.*"

It is not difficult for me to understand why Olson and McDonald failed to achieve that objective; and why the Master & Community Plans which VA Secretary Denis McDonough purportedly just signed, also do not serve Veterans in accordance with Public Laws and Deeds:

The illegal third-party land misusers and private developers at WLA VA Soldiers Home, which the Valentini Court Found to cause Veteran homelessness by barring disabled and homeless Veterans use of the WLA VA Soldiers Home - systematically censor and develop Plans against the Veterans whom are truly authorized to create them with their U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hence the following products of WLA VA Soldiers Home Master and Community Planning I've Noticed since January 28th, 2015:

- a) all VSOs were evicted from WLA VA Soldiers Home; and all Veteran-owned -and- operated nonprofits, except for the soon-to-be-evicted New Directions program, have also been evicted from WLA VA Soldiers Home,
- b) the successful vocational work program called the Shakespeare Center, which employed, was operated by and Principally Served homeless disabled Veterans, was also evicted from WLA VA Soldiers Home,
- c) the Veterans Community Oversight and Engagement Board Federal Advisory Committee is consistently stacked with Master Planners, lobbyists, developers, energy speculators and Sheriff's representatives; frequently censors disabled Veterans and local residents Public Input and has never made a resolution to the Secretary that was submitted by a Veteran outside of that Board,
- d) the VA Secretary did not receive VSO feedback and Report it to Congress in accordance with Public Law regarding any enhanced use lease,
- e) hundreds of disabled Veteran residents have been evicted from the WLA VA Soldiers Home, many of the few remaining disabled homeless Veterans at the WLA VA Soldiers Home are "housed" in tiny plastic boxes without toilets and sinks; instead of operable buildings Taxpayers fund to keep housing them in, such as Building 220,

f) despite recent Federal criminal convictions for fraud and conspiracy regarding illegal third-party WLA VA Soldiers Home land misuse, that illegal land use proliferates while Los Angeles County remains, since the onset of such proliferation - our Nation's Capital of Veteran homelessness.

g) many Veterans entitled to use available housing and services at their WLA VA Soldiers Home, needlessly died in Los Angeles' streets while desperately seeking, applying for and often being refused those services.

So while myself nor anyone I know of in the Vietnam Veterans of America VSO were ever offered to substantially participate in actual Master Planning for WLA VA Soldiers home; yet are frequently rejected upon and suppressed from attempting to exercise our primary stake in doing so - it doesn't surprise me the third party illegal land users developing those Plans falsely claim Veterans largely support what they always leave us out of; namely their plans to convert the WLA VA Soldiers Home into Public parks, open space, industrial zones, Public thoroughfares, mixed-use affordable housing, commercial-retail town centers, up to four subway stations, public parking lots, pharmacological research towers, civic centers, entertainment amphitheaters and other private developments those planners have no Authority to fabricate... All while indefinitely delaying the housing of disabled Veterans dying throughout Los Angeles' finest neighborhoods.

I sincerely hope it does not surprise the Public, despite false claims and propaganda, that Vietnam Veterans of America has never Officially Supported any Master or Community Plan to privately redevelop the WLA VA Soldiers Home. Not only has VVA made this clear in consistently renewed and currently active National Resolutions for several decades, not only has VVA made this clear as Plaintiff to *Valentini v. Shinseki* - but VVA also made this clear at its 2021 National Convention, by strongly opposing a National Resolution one Member submitted, that supported the proposed / current Master & Community Plans.

One reason it would be challenging for VVA to even contemplate a "*Community Plan*" to privately redevelop the WLA VA Soldiers Home - is that no Law, Statute nor Deed has ever in the history of the United States of America, ever Authorized developing one.

What I continue to understand as VVA's position on the WLA VA Soldiers Home, is the Federal Government must not delay any further in successfully building and operating housing for disabled and homeless Veterans at WLA VA Soldiers Home; like it has since 1887 until on or around January 28th, 2015 - since when not one single unit of housing has been delivered by a private developer or Enhanced Use Lease... Despite Taxpayers uninterruptedly Funding U.S. Government construction of housing for homeless Veterans at the WLA VA Soldiers home for over 135 years.

Sincerely,



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