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November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Eric Garcetti, Mayor  
Paul Koretz, Councilmember, District 5  
Mike Bonin, Councilmember, District 11  
Holly Mitchell, County Supervisor, District 2  
Sheila Kuehl, County Supervisor, District 3  
Ben Allen, State Senator, District 26  
Sydney Kamlager, State Senator, District 30  
Richard Bloom, State Assemblymember, District 50  
Autumn Burke, State Assemblymember, District 62  
Isaac Bryan, State Assemblymember District 52

***Re: Motion regarding mental health care***

Dear City, County & State Officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

It is obvious to our member Councils that our mental health system is broken. Every day on our streets, we witness mentally ill people with nowhere to go. The lack of care beds in Los Angeles County means that only those most critical and at imminent risk of harming themselves or others have a place to go. For others, they are forced to continue living without supervised care and often on our streets.

Therefore, the following position has been adopted by eight member councils and is therefore an official position of WRAC:

***Severely mentally ill persons in Los Angeles, who are unable to avail themselves of current public services, are dying on our streets. We demand the City of Los Angeles collaborate with the County of Los Angeles to fully utilize the Lanterman-Petrus-Short Act, including section 5150 and fast-track conservatorships of these individuals, to enable life-saving care. Further, we ask that the city add to its legislative program a demand that the State Legislature provide funds to the county to create as many fully-staffed psychiatric beds as necessary to properly house and treat these individuals.***

The language of the above motion has been approved by the following WRAC member Councils: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council, Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, Westside Neighborhood Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council, Westwood Neighborhood Council, Venice Neighborhood Council & West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council.



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No member Councils have opposed this measure or submitted a minority letter to accompany this position.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

Matt Wersinger, Chair  
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils  
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