



westsidecouncils.com

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

November 4, 2024

Hon. Brad Sherman, Congressman, 32nd District (*via his District Director Scott Abrams*)

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11

Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10

Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4

Via email to all addressees

Re: SUPPORT the Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act (HR 8340 / Sherman) and request to add support for the Act to the City Council's federal legislative priorities

Dear Officials:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, in Council Districts 5 and 11 and portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Our Alliance collectively represents over 500,000 housed and unhoused Angelenos, including many unhoused disabled veterans.

WRAC Member Councils fully support our veterans and are concerned about potential barriers to housing unhoused disabled veterans under current federal law. As a result, a majority (8) of WRAC's Member Councils have passed the following motion, or modified versions in keeping with its spirit:

"The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils strongly supports the "Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act" (HR 8340 / Sherman) and urges our Councilmembers to submit a resolution in City Council forthwith to add support for HR 8340 to the Council's federal legislative priorities for 2024-2025."

The following WRAC Member Councils have adopted the above motion or modified versions in keeping with its spirit: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council,* Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, North Westwood Neighborhood Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council, West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, Westside Neighborhood Council* and Westwood Neighborhood Council (*modified versions). No Member Councils have voted to oppose this motion.

We therefore respectfully request that Councilmembers representing WRAC Member Councils bring a resolution in City Council forthwith to add support for HR 8340 to the Council's 2024-25 federal legislative priorities.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc (*via email*):

John Alford, Sr. Policy Advisor, Office of Congressman Brad Sherman

Janet Turner, Deputy District Director - Outreach, Office of Congressman Ted Lieu