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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress providing a master plan for the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2007

Mr. WAXMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “West Los Angeles De-

5 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Preservation

6 Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISPOSAL OF DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS LANDS AND IMPROVE-**
3 **MENTS AT WEST LOS ANGELES MEDICAL**
4 **CENTER, CALIFORNIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 may not declare as excess to the needs of the Department
7 of Veterans Affairs, or otherwise take any action to ex-
8 change, trade, auction, transfer, or otherwise dispose of,
9 or reduce the acreage of, Federal land and improvements
10 at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles
11 Medical Center, California, encompassing approximately
12 388 acres on the north and south sides of Wilshire Boule-
13 vard and west of the 405 Freeway.

14 (b) SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING LEASE WITH
15 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOMELESS.—Notwithstanding
16 any provision of this Act, section 7 of the Homeless Vet-
17 erans Comprehensive Services Act of 1992 (Public Law
18 102–590) shall remain in effect.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8162(c)(1)
20 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting
21 “or section 2(a) of the West Los Angeles Department of
22 Veterans Affairs Medical Center Preservation Act of
23 2007” after “section 421 (b)(2) of the Veterans’ Benefits
24 and Services Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–322; 102 Stat.
25 553)”.

1 **SEC. 3. MASTER PLAN REGARDING USE OF DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS LANDS AT WEST LOS**
3 **ANGELES MEDICAL CENTER, CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) **FINDING.**—Congress finds that section 707 of the
5 Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 (Public
6 Law 105–368) required the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
7 to submit to Congress a report on the master plan of the
8 Department of Veterans Affairs, or a plan for the develop-
9 ment of such a master plan, relating to the use of Depart-
10 ment land at the West Los Angeles Department of Vet-
11 erans Affairs Medical Center, California.

12 (b) **MASTER PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than one
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees a report providing a master plan, consistent with
16 the provisions of this Act, for the use of the Federal land
17 and improvements described in section 2(a).

18 (c) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—The Secretary shall ap-
19 point a committee to advise the Secretary in developing
20 the master plan. The committee shall include representa-
21 tives of State and local governments, veterans, veterans'
22 service organizations, and community organizations. The
23 committee shall be composed of nine members, who shall
24 be appointed by the Secretary, of whom two shall be ap-
25 pointed on the recommendation of the Member of Con-
26 gress representing the 30th district of California, and two

1 each shall be appointed on the recommendation of each
2 of the Senators from California.

3 (d) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—Except for direct
4 veterans' services, no funding shall be authorized to imple-
5 ment the master plan except pursuant to provisions of law
6 enacted after the date of the receipt by the appropriate
7 congressional committees of the report providing such
8 plan.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
10 nitions apply:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
15 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 Senate; and

17 (B) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 (2) DIRECT VETERANS’ SERVICES.—The term
21 “direct veterans’ services” means services directly
22 related to maintaining the health, welfare, and sup-
23 port of veterans.

