



June 11, 2019

Peter Lynn, Executive Director
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
811 Wilshire Blvd., 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Safe Parking Program

Dear Mr. Lynn:

At our monthly board meeting on June 11, 2019, The Los Angeles Downtown Neighborhood Council voted to offer our full support of Volunteers of America of Los Angeles' (VOALA) application for a Safe Parking program for homeless veterans in Service Planning Area (SPA) 4. We understand that the goal of this program is to provide individuals who dwell in their vehicles with a safe and legal place to park and sleep at night, and to ensure participant linkage and access to supportive services and other resources.

VOALA has been serving our community's homeless and other vulnerable individuals since their founding in 1896, and currently offers a full continuum of services for homeless individuals in SPA 4, including outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, substance abuse treatment, and job training. The organization has proven themselves to be good neighbors through efforts such as their "clean teams," which are deployed around their facilities to ensure the surrounding areas are kept clean and trash-free. VOALA staff attend neighborhood group meetings to educate local citizens about their programs and mitigate concerns, even providing their cell phone number for 24-hour access.

VOALA has demonstrated that they care not only about their participants, but also about the neighbors and community stakeholders that are impacted by their facilities. For these reasons, the Los Angeles Downtown Neighborhood Council fully endorses the proposed program and offers our support of their efforts to help our homeless neighbors.

Sincerely,

Patricia Berman
President
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