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Mr. Mark S. Reed, Sr.

Dear Mark:

The members of the NHWNC Land Use Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your support of our efforts to save the Sepulveda VA from encroachment by private sector developers.

You have attended many other Neighborhood Council meetings and those of other community organizations with us. You have raised your voice in opposition to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the VA's continued use of Enhanced Use Leases with private sector developers as a means to facilitate the outrageous theft of Veterans Lands and their Medical Centers. You have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Veterans to help us save two urgently needed medical buildings from conversion to apartments at the Sepulveda VA Medical Center.

As a result of our combined efforts, a total of eleven San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils have already joined the Coalition of Opponents to the Sepulveda VA apartment complex. As of this date, the Coalition of opponents, which also includes the California Statewide memberships of both the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, numbers over 662,000.

You have vowed to fight the battle with us and the Veterans until it is finally won; the Enhanced Use Leases at Sepulveda rescinded, the hospital re-built and the Sepulveda VA restored to the full service medical center it was designated to be by the donors of the land.

For these reasons, you have earned our respect and our gratitude.

Sincerely,

North Hills West Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee


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