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BULLETIN

THE NEWSLETTER OF VETERANS UNITED FOR TRUTH, INC.

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"VETERANS STANDING UP FOR EACH OTHER"

25 JULY 2006

An important date is coming. Please respond to the flyer below if you can. Also, please see the resolution on the second page that was passed by the California Democratic Party earlier this month. Your board members got this one through, and it should really tic off some folks. We surely hope so. - Sandy Cook, Vice Chair

STOP THE LAND GRAB OF VETERAN'S PROPERTY

121 years ago, on 3 March 1888, a plot of land was irrevocably deeded by John P. Jones and Arcadia de Baker to the United States for the "sole purpose of providing veterans a place to heal from war". That property is now called the "VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System" and is managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In September 2007 the local VA entered into a "Shared Property" agreement with an organized group of Brentwood and Beverly Hills residents calling themselves the "Veterans Park Conservancy" to use 16+ acres of that land, rent-free, as a public park. They are backed by Representatives of Congress who would rather put this land in the hands of their wealthy constituents than honor the original deed agreement and provide the veterans that fought for this country a protected place to heal from the war.

We must all stand together to protect this land on behalf of all veterans and not let this land be stolen. Once this land becomes "public property" the veterans will never see it again because reversing a "public agreement" will be next to impossible.

The "slippery slope" land grab by the Conservancy is not a Democratic or Republican fight. It is also not a local fight here in Los Angeles; this is a national fight for veteran's rights.

JOIN THE VETERAN'S REVOLUTION

AT THE CORNER OF SAN VICENTE BLVD. AND WILSHIRE BLVD.

Los Angeles CA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

"SAVE OUR VETERAN'S LAND"

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PROTECT A NATIONAL SACRED TRUST

WHEREAS, the property on which the Los Angeles National Veterans Home is located was irrevocably deeded to the nation 120 years ago by John P. Jones and Arcadia de Baker as a place dedicated for the "sole purpose of providing veterans a place to heal from war;" and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veteran Affairs has awarded a contract for a 16-acre portion of that land to the Veterans Park Conservancy, not a veterans organization but a local community organization, for use to develop a memorial park, in the Conservancy's words, "for the enjoyment and education of the entire community;" and

WHEREAS, a public park, despite its value to the whole community, is inconsistent with the exclusive use for veterans envisioned by the donors, and the trust conveyed in their deed to the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party joins The American Legion, Veterans United for Truth, Inc., the National Veterans Coalition, the Gathering of Eagles, We the Veterans, the American GI Forum, Military Spouses For Change and Veterans For Common Sense, among others, along with hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families, to support an immediate halt to any giveaway of any of the Los Angeles National Veterans Home property, either to a non-veterans organization or for any non-veteran-related purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party convey this resolution to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, including U.S. Representative Henry Waxman (D CA-30), in whose district the property falls, and Representative Bob Filner (D CA-51), the Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

Sponsored by Sanford Cook LTCOL US Army Ret, AD 33;
Bob Handy HMC USN Ret, Chair, CDP Veterans Caucus;
Senator Art Torres (Ret.), former CDP Chair;
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Please see the history of the project at <http://veteranslandgrab.blogspot.com/>