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October 2, 2017

**Re: SOBERING FACILITY – 11419 Santa Monica Blvd. West Los Angeles, CA 90025**

**West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council Approved the following Motions:**

**Motion 1: Unanimous vote to STOP this project right now and begin community discussions**

**Motion 2: Unanimous vote to CONDEMN the complete lack of community input with ZERO transparency by the office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Los Angeles County**

To Supervisor Sheila Kuehl:

This is to confirm that the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council voted unanimously on 9/27/17 to **STOP the “Sobering Center” project** currently in process at 14119 Santa Monica Blvd. West LA, CA 90025. All 13 members of the WLA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council in attendance voted unanimously for this motion. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion (also unanimous) to **CONDEMN the actions of your office** for complete disregard of local community input with zero transparency.

There was significant turnout by the community on 9/27/17 who were understandably upset with the secretive actions to date. It was verified and disclosed that a lease had already been signed via the efforts of your office with plans to utilize the services of CLARE Foundation to develop a “sobering” center with “no signage and a back entrance”. No concrete plans were provided by your staff Stephanie Cohen or those from CLARE regarding transportation issues for individuals after they are dumped at the Sobering Center from various areas in LA County. It is our understanding that Supervisorial District 3 encompasses 431 square miles, stretching from the ocean to Los Feliz, and from Venice up to San Fernando – with nearly 2 million residents. We were told that there is **only one (1)** other sobering center in all of LA County – and it is located in Central City East (i.e. Skid Row) in downtown LA. So all of this... without any local input? Not acceptable. Even CM Mike Bonin “regretted” the lack of community input. This overall disregard for community input is absolutely deplorable.

**This is a time sensitive issue and we request your response by Oct. 6, 2017. We also request your attendance at our upcoming town hall meeting currently being planned. Details to follow.**

Submitted by:

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Cc: CM Bonin, all WLASNC members, neighboring NC's, stakeholders, local businesses, local developers and press (LA Times, LA Weekly, Curbed LA, City WatchLA, Preserve LA, Santa Monica Daily Press, etc.)

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