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Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Traci Park

Attn: Traci Park

Councilmember CD 11

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RE: Feasibility Study Regarding the Establishment of the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program to include the Mar Vista Area

Dear Counsel Member Park,

As you are aware, the initial one-year Therapeutic Van Pilot Program contract with county has been extended for a second year through June 30, 2024. In conjunction with that extension, the Los Angeles City Council moved to direct the Los Angeles Fire Department, with assistance from the General Services Department, and in coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, to report within 45 days on the feasibility of moving the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program from Fire Station 40 to another dispatch center in the Harbor Area. This report is to provide a list of potential LAFD stations, both active and inactive, within District 15 that could serve as dispatch centers for the Therapeutic Vans and should consider the location near arterials or freeways that allows for service and dispatches to be as efficient as possible. (See Council File No. 20-1178-S3.)

As the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program offers specialized mobile assistance and transportation for those experiencing serious psychological crisis in the entire City of Los Angeles, not just District 15/Harbor Area, we request that this feasibility study also consider establishing the Therapeutic Van Pilot Program dispatch center in an area that is within West Los Angeles and bordered by arterials or freeways that allow for efficient service – specifically, Mar Vista. Thank you for your anticipated consideration in this regard.

Very Truly Yours,

Andrew Marton

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