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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Construction and Operation of a Spinal Cord Injury and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Building, Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach, CA

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with VA's proposed construction and operation of a Spinal Cord Injury and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SCI-PMR) Building and related infrastructure at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, 5901 East Seventh Street, Long Beach, CA. The project would also provide parking adjacent to the new facility and renovate Building 150, the current on-campus location of these services, for outpatient clinics, support services, and administrative uses.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide specialized SCI-PMR inpatient and outpatient services, as well as the outpatient clinic services, from facilities that meet VA's current space, design, seismic, and accessibility requirements. The Proposed Action is needed because Building 150 lacks adequate space and infrastructure capacity for these services and requires seismic and accessibility renovations.

The Draft EA examined the potential environmental impacts from implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action alternative.

VA prepared the Draft EA according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code § 4321 et seq.).

Concurrently with this mailing, a Notice of Availability will be published in the *Long Beach Press-Telegram* to inform and solicit input from the public. The Draft EA is available on the VA website at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental. A hard copy of the Draft EA is available at the Long Beach Public Library, 200 W. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Please submit any requests for additional information, questions, or comments on the Draft EA via email to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "VA Long Beach EA" no later than October 6, 2025. VA will summarize and address substantive comments in the Final EA.

Respectfully,

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