

Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders

"Providing A Moral Compass for Southern California"

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Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Solis and Councilmember O'Farrell,

Representing Southland faith groups together comprising more than 6 million members, we, the undersigned members of the Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders thank you for your leadership and ongoing work seeking to repurpose St. Vincent Medical Center to provide mental healthcare, supportive services, and housing for our Angeleno siblings experiencing homelessness.

We fully endorse this concept and pray that it can be realized to help relieve the dire need gripping our region, and we pledge to you our support and assistance in this effort. We further agree that such use of St. Vincent Medical Center would fittingly continue the legacy of its 164-year history of benevolent care at the heart of Los Angeles.

As we know, a strategic opportunity of this magnitude and potential occurs only rarely; therefore, let us move quickly and effectively to achieve the greatest common good.

Sincerely yours,

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