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Col. Danny G. Nobles, Director  
Army Reserve Division  
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management  
2511 Jefferson Davis Highway – Room 9632  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259

Dear Colonel Nobles:

I am writing regarding the U.S. Army Reserve land exchange scheduled to take place in June for the Army Reserve site in West Los Angeles. As the State Assembly representative for communities that neighbor this site, I wish to object to the decision of the Army Reserve to allow this land to be offered to private developers. I am concerned that this rapid move to offer this land in an exchange will have huge repercussions for our community impacting traffic and other quality of life factors. The potential negative impacts of additional traffic from a possible private development will be significant upon the nearby 405 Freeway and local City streets. Private development of this site could also have negative repercussions upon the security of the State National Guard site located to the south of this facility.

I am respectfully requesting that this land either be retained by the U.S. Army Reserve, or given back to the Veterans Administration for use to which this land was originally intended, to serve the needs of our military veterans. If this is not an option, I request that this exchange be delayed in order to work with other government agencies, including those representing the State of California, to pursue options for this site. The only options for this land should be service for veterans, not private developers.

I am requesting that we consider the possibility of a land sale or land swap with the State of California for this site. We would need additional time to explore this possibility so that the State of California could save this land for a purpose that would benefit our military veterans or for some other public good. I am offering my services and that of my staff if you would at least consider exploring this option. I believe that it is essential that you consider the objections being raised regarding this exchange by the veterans and other citizens of this region, along with their elected representatives, community leaders and organizations. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL KORETZ  
Assemblymember, 42<sup>nd</sup> District

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