March 19, 2018

Scott D. Plante, SLNC Neighborhood Council Co-Chair
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
1850 West Silver Lake Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90026
Scott.plante@silverlakenc.org

Re: Walk-in access center in Silver Lake

Dear Mr. Plante:

Thank you for your February 21, 2018 letter regarding the establishment of a walk-in access center in the Silver Lake neighborhood.

I appreciate the need for additional short and long-term supportive housing and service centers in every neighborhood of Los Angeles. Securing a suitable location and engaging the necessary stakeholders is the crucial first step, followed by the extensive funding and legislative processes. In the interest of further consideration, has the SLNC identified a suitable location for the walk-in center?

My office has been actively engaged on issues of homelessness and housing. This past December, the City Council approved an initiative I spearheaded to provide $4.9 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Anita May Rosenstein Campus. The project is being developed by the Los Angeles LGBT Center, and the money will directly fund 100-units of senior housing as well as beds for homeless youth in Hollywood. I have also introduced legislation to begin the process of converting the City-owned property located at 1403 N. Gardner Street into a women’s crisis shelter.

Given the size and complexity of Los Angeles, it can sometimes be challenging to get things moving as quickly as I would wish. I am open to partnering with the SLNC to continue to work on identifying solutions like the LGBT Center and creating central location in the neighborhood where individuals can easily access information on supportive services and nearby shelters. I will, nonetheless, continue to advocate for real change housing and services
through Measure H and other programs such as HOPE Teams and SB 82 Teams.

We hope to be able to count on your support as these projects and legislative processes move forward. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Rachel Fox in my office.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four