

April

### **Support for Credit for Caring Act**

Whereas by 2030, 20% of our community will be 65 or older; and

Whereas 1 in 3 will have dementia or Alzheimer's – almost 2/3 of them women; and

Whereas Medicare does not cover any of the essential services needed to care for those with dementia, forcing family caregivers out of the work force; and

Whereas 25% of Boomers care for an aging parent resulting in an average loss of income of over \$300K, yet when forced to leave the workplace they face further hardship if taking social security early with a reduction of benefits of almost 30%.

The Mar Vista Community Council respectfully urges Congressmember Karen Bass to support our senior community by:

- Introducing a proposal that early retirement taken to provide family caregiving be an exception to the reduction for early benefits, as done with disabilities.
- Supporting the proposal by Congressmember David Jolly that will change how the cost of living increase is calculated on social security
- Supporting the [Credit for Caring Act](#), which provides a tax credit to working family members equal to 30 percent of a caregiver's expenses greater than \$2,000. The bill aims to reward working taxpayers and encourage continued participation in the workforce while providing care to a loved one. It was introduced by Rep. Linda Sánchez, D-California, who chairs the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y.

### **VA Master Plan #1**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (Feinstein / S. 2013 and Lieu / H.R. 3484), to place permanent supportive housing, and parking for dwelling in vehicles, on the Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Campus in West Los Angeles.

### **VA Master Plan #2**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the draft master plan for the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles campus.

### **Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports amending the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance such that all Small Lot Subdivision projects shall comply with the land's underlying zone, including setbacks, and further amending to prohibit cantilevered construction over required open space, including driveways and required setbacks.