

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN JIMMY PANETTA
SUPPORTING PHARMACY SERVICES AT MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H.
GOURLEY VA-DoD CLINIC IN MARINA

WHEREAS, On May 29, 2021 the City received a request for a letter of support to be sent to Congressman Jimmy Panetta supporting pharmacy services at the Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Clinic in Marina; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the VA-DoD Clinic does not have a functioning pharmacy. However, during the development of the Clinic pharmacy services were planned for and promised to our veterans. There is a location in the Clinic designated for a pharmacy, but it has remained unused for its original purpose; and

WHEREAS, the VA-DoD Clinic in Marina is a tremendous resource for the veterans on Monterey County. The location of the clinic is advantageous as it allows our veterans to avoid traveling through the Bay Area to access the Pala Alto VA Clinic, a trip which could easily takes hours due to traffic conditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marina does hereby:

1. Authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support to be sent to Congressman Panetta on behalf of the City Council supporting pharmacy serves at Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Clinic in Marina.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a special meeting duly held on this 15TH day of June 2021 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Burnett, Berkley, Biala, Delgado

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Medina Dirksen

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

June 16, 2021

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
Congressman – 20th District of California
406 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Pharmacy Services at Major General William H. Gourley Outpatient Clinic (VA-DoD Clinic) in Marina, CA

Dear Congressman Panetta:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Marina, I write to express our support for the establishment of a fully functioning pharmacy at the Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Outpatient Clinic in Marina, California.

Currently, the VA-DoD Clinic does not have a functioning pharmacy. However, during the development of the Clinic pharmacy services were planned for and promised to our veterans. There is a location in the Clinic designated for a pharmacy, but it has remained unused for its original purpose.

Without full pharmacy services in Marina, many of the County's disabled veterans face hardships in obtaining essential medications. Many of these veterans are aging, disabled, housebound, and may be suffering from issues such as traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The VA-DoD Clinic in Marina is a tremendous resource for the veterans on Monterey County. The location of the clinic is advantageous as it allows our veterans to avoid traveling through the Bay Area to access the Palo Alto VA Clinic, a trip which could easily take hours due to traffic conditions. Monterey County veterans and active duty dependent spouses and children, would be best served by the Veterans Health Administration through the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) at the Marina VA-DoD Clinic if the pharmacy was fully operational so that they could complete medical appointments, and access laboratory, radiology, and pharmacy services in one location.

The City of Marina requests your support in bringing the promised essential pharmaceutical services to fruition at the Major General William H. Gourley Outpatient Clinic. Our veterans have served our Nation faithfully and have earned the ability to receive care, treatment, and pharmaceutical services from the VA-DoD Clinic.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Delgado
Mayor
City of Marina

Cc: Hon. Anna Caballero, 12th Senate District
Hon. John Laird, 17th Senate District
Hon. Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District
Hon. Robert Rivas, 30th Assembly District

June 10, 2021

Item No: **8f(6)**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of June 15, 2021

**CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN
JIMMY PANETTA SUPPORTING PHARMACY SERVICES AT MAJOR
GENERAL WILLIAM H. GOURLEY VA-DoD CLINIC IN MARINA**

REQUEST:

It is requested that the City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2021-, authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City Council to be sent to Congressman Jimmy Panetta supporting pharmacy services at Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Clinic in Marina

BACKGROUND:

On May 29, 2021 the City received a request for a letter of support to be sent to Congressman Jimmy Panetta supporting pharmacy services at the Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Clinic in Marina.

Currently, the VA-DoD Clinic does not have a functioning pharmacy. However, during the development of the Clinic pharmacy services were planned for and promised to our veterans. There is a location in the Clinic designated for a pharmacy, but it has remained unused for its original purpose.

Without full pharmacy services in Marina, many of the County's disabled veterans face hardships in obtaining essential medications.

ANALYSIS

The VA-DoD Clinic in Marina is a tremendous resource for the veterans on Monterey County. The location of the clinic is advantageous as it allows our veterans to avoid traveling through the Bay Area to access the Pala Alto VA Clinic, a trip which could easily take hours due to traffic conditions.

CONCLUSION:

Staff is requesting that the City Council consider the attached letter of support (**"EXHIBIT A"**)

Respectfully submitted,

Layne Long
City Manager
City of Marina