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### **Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System Posts Court Documents**

LOS ANGELES – Today, the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) posted to its website court documents related to a civil action lawsuit against the U.S. Government (*Gregory Valentini, et al. v. Eric Shinseki, et al.*) filed on June 8, 2011, in the United States District Court.

In an effort to be more transparent during the lawsuit, GLA is making the documents available on its web page: [www.losangeles.va.gov](http://www.losangeles.va.gov). The information will include the Administrative Record, court rulings, and government notices. In addition, GLA is providing the West Los Angeles (WLA) Master Plan and the 2012 Annual Report.

The plaintiffs' lawsuit comprised six claims, of which, the court has dismissed five claims. The one pending claim alleges that VA's Enhanced Sharing Agreements at WLA do not comply with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). The court determined it has jurisdiction to decide the matter. The court documents provided on GLA's web page have information on this claim.

GLA understands the importance of being transparent to our Veterans, elected officials, Veteran Service Organizations and community. GLA's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. GLA is fully committed to serving our Veterans through a patient-centered care model.

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#### **About VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System:**

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System is the largest, most complex healthcare system within the Department of Veterans Affairs. VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System consists of three ambulatory care centers, a tertiary care facility, and 10 outpatient clinics. VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System serves Veterans residing throughout five counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. There are 1.4 million Veterans in the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System service area. Visit us on the web for more information [www.losangeles.va.gov](http://www.losangeles.va.gov)