



COUNCILWOMAN MONICA RODRIGUEZ
SEVENTH DISTRICT

June 12, 2026

The Honorable David O. Carter
United States District Court
Central District of California
411 West Fourth Street, Room 9-160
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: L.A. Alliance Case

Dear Judge Carter,

Since my election to the Los Angeles City Council in 2017, I have worked with urgency to address homelessness both within my district and through citywide policy efforts. As a former member of the Housing and Homelessness Committee and its predecessor, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, I have closely monitored the LA Alliance case and have been a strong advocate for ensuring that the City meets the Court-ordered mandate to create 12,915 beds.

At the same time, I have consistently urged the County to fulfill its responsibilities as the provider of mental and public health services for residents of the City of Los Angeles. When the Court ordered the County to work within City-funded interim housing sites to assess individuals requiring a higher level of care and connect them to the appropriate housing and service pathways, I was optimistic that meaningful progress would be achieved for those residing in City-funded facilities.

However, many individuals who require a higher level of care than the City is equipped to provide remain in City-funded sites. The City cannot continue to serve as the long-term service provider for these residents. The City does not have Public Health or Mental Health Departments nor does it have the resources or authority to meet their specialized needs. As a result, significant strain continues to be placed on City-created shelter beds, the service providers responsible for operating these sites, and the individuals who are living there.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Court order the County to provide a report detailing:

1. The number of severely mentally ill (SMI) individuals who have been transitioned from City-funded sites into County-operated programs and systems of care;
2. A comprehensive breakdown of the SMI who remain in City-funded sites and require County-supported long-term care; and
3. A detailed plan and timeline for transitioning those individuals from City-funded sites into the appropriate County care and housing programs.

I implore your assistance with holding the county accountable in meeting their obligations with these services. Such reporting is necessary to ensure accountability and to facilitate the efficient use of limited shelter resources while providing vulnerable individuals with the level of care they require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Rodriguez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Los Angeles City Councilwoman, 7th District

Cc: Thomas Goethals, Special Master
Michele Martinez, Special Master
Judge André Birotte Jr.