

## Tauscher Calls on VA to Keep its Services in the East Bay

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Rep. Ellen Tauscher Calls on VA to Keep its Services in the East Bay

Washington, DC &ndash; Today the Veterans Administration announced plans to relocate services from the Livermore VA Hospital and build a new nursing home in the Central Valley.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher released the following statement.

"The Veterans Administration has backed an irresponsible plan to shut down needed services at the Livermore VA Hospital. The Bush administration is cutting critical services to our veterans at a time of war when we need to be doing more to meet their needs. I will oppose any plan that falls short of providing the facilities and services that East Bay veterans need and deserve.

&ldquo;Serving vets in the Central Valley should not come at the expense of vets in the East Bay. Our commitment to veterans cannot be an either or proposition. The VA has not said where the new facilities in the Central Valley and East Bay will be located, and Congress hasn&rsquo;t endorsed this plan. The VA should go back to the drawing board and only proceed with a solution that reflects our commitment to veterans and their needs."

-Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher

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