



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

November 20, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman McCarthy:

Thank you for your October 7, 2019, letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the construction of a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Bakersfield, California. I appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns.

VA's Office of Construction and Facilities Management senior leadership briefed your staff on October 10, 2019, and described in detail the steps VA has taken, the new timeline, and VA's way forward for the new Bakersfield, CA area lease, including a compressed schedule. VA is committed to the execution of the Bakersfield-area lease and as promised, we look forward to providing regular updates to your staff on the status of the procurement. The enclosed timeline reflects additional schedule information as discussed with your staff on November 18, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. Jason M. Melton, Congressional Relations Officer, at (202) 461-0623 or by email at Jason.Melton@va.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

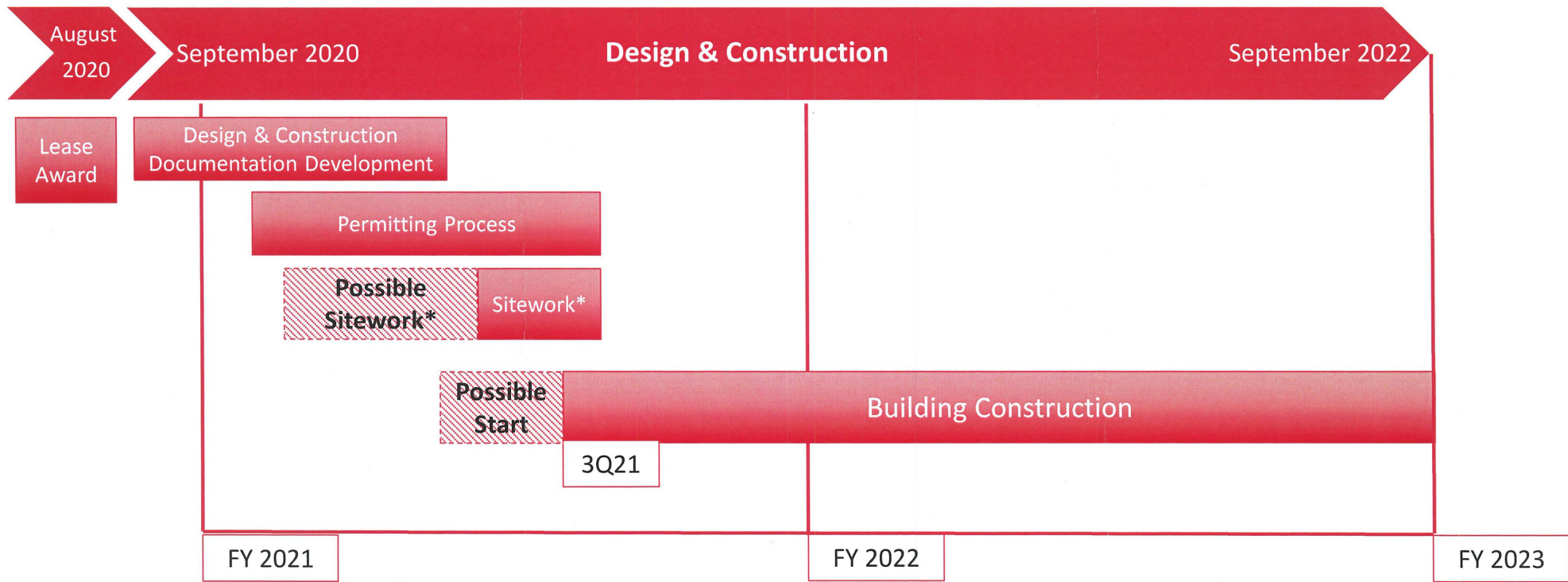
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert L. Wilkie", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Robert L. Wilkie

Enclosure

Bakersfield, CA CBOC



*Final project milestones will depend on project award characteristics (e.g. existing structure vs. 'greenfield development') and detailed contract negotiations



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Bakersfield, CA - CBOC



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October 10, 2019



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