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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE BOARD-DIRECTED
CalWORKs FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS STAKEHOLDERS PROCESS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the consensus recommendations of the Stakeholders in the amount of \$25,290,000, as set forth in Attachment A. These recommendations will be funded exclusively through preserved Net County Cost (NCC) resulting from utilizing Performance Incentives (PI) instead of NCC in FY 2002-03 to fund juvenile probation services, pursuant to your Board's action on April 29, 2003 and are projected to be unspent as of June 30, 2004.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to negotiate, prepare, and execute contract amendments and/or renewal contracts necessary to extend the current contracts, as set forth in Attachment B. The approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) will be obtained prior to executing such amendments, and/or renewal contracts, and the Director will notify the CAO in writing within ten (10) business days after execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 23, 2003, your Board instructed the Director of DPSS to reconvene the CalWORKs Stakeholders, previously identified by your Board as representatives of the CAO, DPSS, New Directions Task Force, Public Social Services Commission and the Community Planning Group, by June 2004 to develop recommendations to your Board regarding the utilization of any Performance Incentives (PI) available for FY 2004-05. Your Board limited the scope of such recommendations to those programs and services

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identified in the consensus and divergent funding recommendations submitted to your Board in June 2003.

On February 3, 2004, your Board expanded the scope of this process to include potential funding for Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) outreach.

At present, \$48.1 million in PI funds are projected to be unspent as of June 30, 2004. Due to the uncertainty of the FY 2004-05 Budget, we are unable to submit recommendations to your Board at this time regarding utilization of all these funds. However, contracted providers cannot wait until Budget Deliberations at the end of June 2004 to know if they will receive funding beyond this fiscal year. In this context, we have reconvened the Stakeholders to address a portion of the available funding now, and will return to your Board in June 2004 with recommendations regarding the remaining funding.

Consistent with your Board's instructions, this Board letter transmits recommendations from the Stakeholders regarding the recommended utilization of \$25,290,000, which represents 53% of the \$48.1 million in PI projected to be available in FY 2004-05. The Stakeholders reached a complete consensus regarding this portion of the projected available funding. These consensus recommendations are addressed in Recommendation 1 and set forth in Attachment A.

I have independently reviewed and concur with the consensus recommendations of the Stakeholders.

I will report back to your Board with recommendations to address the remaining available PI funding in June 2004. The Stakeholders will reconvene in June 2004 to develop these recommendations, in the context of additional information which will be available regarding the FY 04-05 State budget, including the availability of CalWORKs Single Allocation funds.

Implementation of several of the consensus funding recommendations addressed in Recommendation 1 require the renewal of existing contracts or the execution of amendments. Recommendation 2 seeks delegated authority for the Director of DPSS to execute amendments, extensions or renewals of existing contracts, as set forth in Attachment B.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 5: Children and Families' Well-Being as measured by achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and education/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These recommendations will be funded exclusively through preserved NCC resulting from utilizing PI instead of NCC in FY 2002-03 to fund juvenile probation services, pursuant to your Board's action on April 29, 2003.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All contract amendments identified in Attachment B will include provisions for performance standards.

Performance Incentives funding may be used in any manner authorized by federal law: 1) in any manner reasonably calculated to meet one of the four purposes of the Federal TANF program; or 2) to continue providing services and benefits that the state was authorized to provide under its former Title IV-A or IV-F State plans, which covered Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Emergency Assistance (EA) and Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training. The four purposes of the federal TANF Program are to:

1. Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
2. End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;
3. Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
4. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two parent families.

All funding recommendations in this letter involve services which are reasonably calculated to accomplish a TANF purpose.

The recommendations are made subject to applicable laws, regulations and Board actions in effect and applicable to the projects, programs, and/or line items identified in the recommendations. The County of Los Angeles through DPSS has the legal authority pursuant to State law to administer the CalWORKs program in the county. The CAO has reviewed and approved this letter. County Counsel has reviewed and approved this letter as to form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Director of DPSS will execute contract renewals and contract amendments in accordance with the delegated authority requested in Recommendation 2 and detailed in Attachment B.

Contract renewals are necessary for the After-School Enrichment Program with Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and for the Child Care Training Institute with LACOE.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

To the extent that implementation of these recommendations increases the number of CalWORKs families who attain long-term self-sufficiency, they will reduce the current and future demand for certain public services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Commission for Public Social Services
Community Planning Group
New Directions Task Force

**CONSENSUS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
FY 2004-05**

Program/Service	Consensus Recommendation
After-School Enrichment Program (see Note 1)	17,062,000
CalWORKs Adult School/ROCP Coordination Services (see Note 2)	500,000
CalWORKs Community College Coordination Services (see Note 2)	700,000
Careers in Child Care (see Note 2)	425,000
Child Care Training Institute (see Note 2)	138,000
County Apprenticeship Program (LTFSS #4) (see Note 2)	150,000
Domestic Violence Services (see Note 2)	650,000
Homelessness Prevention Services (LTFSS #14 & #15) (see Note 2)	1,500,000
Housing Relocation Program (LTFSS #6) (see Note 2)	50,000
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Education & Training (see Note 3)	1,000,000
Transitional Subsidized Employment (LTFSS #3) (see Note 2)	1,015,000
Vehicle Repair (see Note 2)	100,000
Youth Jobs (LTFSS #23) (see Note 4)	2,000,000
Total Consensus Recommendations	\$25,290,000

NOTES OF EXPLANATION

Note 1: The amount recommended will fund this program for the entire FY 2004-05.

Note 2: The amount recommended will fund these programs/services from July through September 2004. The Stakeholders will consider funding for these programs/services for the remainder of FY 2004-05 when they reconvene in June 2004.

Note 3: This recommended funding is in addition to the \$2,038,000 already approved by your Board on February 10, 2004. This recommendation for additional funding is based on the extreme shortage of education and training for LEP CalWORKs participants and the receipt of 36 proposals for \$3.57 million from community colleges, adult schools, regional occupational centers/programs, and housing authorities. Approval of this recommendation will enable 85% of these proposals to be funded.

Note 4: This recommended funding is in addition to the \$4.5 million already approved by your Board on June 23, 2003. This recommendation for additional funding is based on information that many CalWORKs teens who attempted to enroll in Youth Jobs in summer 2003 were turned away because of lack of funding.

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Community Planning Group: While CPG agreed to fully fund the After-School Enrichment program in this round of recommendations, we are concerned that fully funding this program may lead to the loss of other equally vital programs. We hope that as funds decline, the Board will consider a modest cut in this program to continue other vital programs for parents.

New Directions Task Force: The State's proposed FY 2004-05 budget substantially de-funds many of the programs run by Probation, Parks and Recreation, DMH, DCFS, DHS and others that benefit youth and families. Targeted outreach efforts to eligible youth and families impacted by other funding cuts are requested of the After-School Enrichment Program, the Youth Jobs Program, and the County Apprenticeship Program.

**RECOMMENDED DELEGATED CONTRACT AUTHORITY
TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

Program/Service	Contractor(s)	Term of Contract
After-School Enrichment Program	Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)	July 2004 - June 2005
CalWORKs Community College Coordination Services	13 Community College Districts	July - September 2004
Transitional Subsidized Employment (LTFSS #3)	City of Hawthorne	July - September 2004
Careers in Child Care	10 Community Colleges	July - September 2004
County Apprenticeship Program (LTFSS #4)	LAUSD	July - September 2004
CalWORKs Adult School/Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Coordination Services	LAUSD LACOE	July - September 2004
Child Care Training Institute	LACOE	July - September 2004