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TO: Each Supervisor

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**SUBJECT: 2005 INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS –
AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM MAKES THE “TOP 50”**

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This is to inform you that the Los Angeles County After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) is a semi-finalist for the prestigious “Innovations in American Government Awards,” often referred to as the “Oscars” of government prizes. This awards program is administered by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government. The “Top 50” semi-finalists were announced on March 16, 2005 in the attached press release. The ASEP is now eligible to win one of the six \$100,000 grants, if it becomes a finalist in the continued competition.

The 50 semi-finalist programs were chosen from among more than 1,000 applicants for their uniqueness, significance, effectiveness in addressing important problems and the potential for replication by other government entities. Eight of the “Top 50” programs are from or within the State of California.

Eighteen finalists will be chosen and announced in April 2005. Two representatives from each of the finalists will be invited to provide a brief presentation before the Innovations National Selection Committee in May 2005 (currently targeted for May 11, 2005). Subsequently, six winning programs, one of which will be in housing, will be chosen and announced on July 27, 2005. The winners will be invited to the “Excellence in Government” public management conference that is held in Washington, D.C.

We will keep you informed about the ASEP’s progress in the “Innovation in American Government Awards” competition.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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