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July 17, 2006

To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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From: David E. Janssen
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTION REGARDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY SPECIFIC PREVENTION PROGRAM IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

On March 14, 2006, your Board approved a motion by Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky instructing the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), in partnership with the Children's Planning Council (CPC), the Commission for Children and Family Services (Commission), Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), and the New Directions Task Force (NDTF), to submit a plan by July 2006 that identifies what is required to fund, organize, test, implement, contract for, and administer a community-specific, prevention program in Los Angeles County, including a timeframe for piloting and implementation, and to provide quarterly status reports to your Board, starting in September 2006, for one year on the accomplishments of this effort. The motion was in response to a report on preventing child maltreatment prepared through a series of workgroups by the Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services.

To date, CAO staff has met with representatives from CPC, the Commission, ICAN, NDTF department heads, and Board Deputies. Additionally, we have conferred with USC Professor Jacquelyn McCroskey, representatives from First 5 LA, and community service providers who have expertise in the delivery of preventive services and implementation of community building efforts.

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On June 20, 2006, this multi-disciplinary workgroup reviewed and provided general endorsement of a preliminary implementation plan drafted by staff of the CPC and CAO outlining a shared vision and setting a strategic direction for establishing a community specific prevention system in Los Angeles County. Key elements of this preliminary plan, includes: 1) a set of guiding principles and actions that support the development of County-community partnerships that builds on existing community-based prevention and community-building efforts for establishing building safe, stable, and healthy communities; 2) strategies that build on existing community-based efforts for mapping the strengths, priorities, and gaps of communities; 3) a plan for identifying, in partnership with communities, strategies, and desired measurable outcomes for a community-based prevention system; 4) selection criteria and recommended set of communities to be targeted via this initiative; and, 5) identification of roles and responsibilities of County and community partners to ensure the successful implementation of a community-based prevention system (e.g., County addressing contractual and fiscal barriers to effective program implementation; communities developing strategies and tracking measurable outcomes).

Although the preliminary implementation plan serves as a good starting point additional time is needed to further address staffing and budgetary issues; and prepare a more complete report for your Board's consideration. We plan to submit the report to your Board in August 2006.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Lari Sheehan of my staff at (213) 893-2477, or lsheehan@cao.lacounty.gov.

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