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September 21, 2006

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PJ-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS
CONTRACT PW-12641; MCCARTHY/CLARK/HUNT, A JOINT VENTURE
SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
4 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT
YOUR BOARD:**

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the following change orders to:

1. Provide revised retaining walls on the north side of the Diagnostic and Treatment building for a \$320,000 not-to-exceed amount.
2. Provide revised retaining wall and revisions to the circular wall northwest of the Inpatient Tower building for a \$400,000 not-to-exceed amount.

REASON AND SCOPE - RECOMMENDATION 1

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| Unforeseen condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regulatory agency requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drawing coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> | Previously approved scope change | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contract supplement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Errors and omissions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

An internal inconsistency in the construction documents resulted in two retaining walls in the courtyard north of the Diagnostic and Treatment building being of insufficient height. To correct this issue, the wall heights were increased, which in turn resulted in the need to increase the size of the footings and the need to change from concrete block walls to cast-in-place concrete walls.

Approving the recommended action will allow the contractor to revise the retaining walls. Cost negotiations for this change have not been finalized. We estimate that the total cost will not exceed \$320,000 with no delay to the project completion date. However, if the final value of the change order exceeds the cost estimate, we will return to your Board for approval. Public Works issued two proceed orders totaling \$150,000 for a portion of this work to avoid delay impact, the value of which is included in the recommended \$320,000.

REASON AND SCOPE - RECOMMENDATION 2

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| Unforeseen condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regulatory agency requirement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drawing coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> | Previously approved scope change | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Contract supplement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Errors and omissions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

The construction documents for a new retaining wall northwest of the Inpatient Tower building contain several errors. These include an inaccuracy in the wall height, missing and/or incorrect details for connections to other walls, and a conflict between the footing and an existing storm drain. The architect has prepared a revised design to correct these problems.

Approving the recommended action will allow the contractor to revise the retaining wall. Cost negotiations for this change have not been finalized. We estimate that the total cost will not exceed \$400,000 with no delay to the project completion date. However, if the final value of the change order exceeds the cost estimate, we will return to your

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Board for approval. Public Works issued three proceed orders totaling \$150,000 for a portion of this work to avoid delay impact, the value of which is included in the recommended \$400,000.

We have reviewed the above recommendations as well as the potential cost impact with the Project Advisory Committee. These change orders are considered to be within the scope of the project.

There is sufficient appropriation available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Projects Budget (C.P. 70787) to fund this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division) and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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cc: County Counsel
Department of Health Services (Fred Leaf)
Project Advisory Committee (A. Redmond Doms, Jerry Epstein, Nick Patsouras)