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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

SUBJECT: **MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM PROSPECTIVE PROJECT**

On June 10, 2008 your Board approved the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program Plan and authorized DMH to participate in the statewide MHSA Housing Program jointly administered by the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) and the California Housing and Finance Agency (CalHFA) for the development of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families. The DMH Housing Program Plan details a non-competitive process for soliciting Letters of Interest (a brief description of the project), reviewing proposed projects and informing your Board of the projects proposed to be submitted by DMH to CDMH and CalHFA for funding.

This is to inform you of a Letter of Interest that DMH proposes to support. Details of the proposed project are as follows:

Project Sponsor:	Charles Cobb Apartment, L.P.
Property Manager:	Andre Thomas-SRHT Property Management Company
Service Provider:	Skid Row Housing Trust
MHSA Funded Units:	25
Total Units:	76
Target Population:	Adults and Older Adults that meet MHSA target population criteria
Targeted Income Level:	30% of Area Median Income
Locations:	521 S. San Pedro Street Los Angeles, CA
Supervisorial District:	2
Requested Funding:	$2,500,000

In accordance with the process outlined in the DMH Housing Program Plan, the MHSA Housing Advisory Board reviewed the Letter of Interest during its November 6, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Department enter into negotiations to ensure the project meets DMH's needs and to develop the required supportive service plan. The Department will contact the Board office responsible for the area in which the proposed project is to be located to discuss the proposal, followed by a presentation at the monthly meeting of the deputies who represent your Board on homeless issues. Following successful completion of this notification, discussion and the application, DMH will post the project for public comment for 30 days prior to submitting the project to CDMH and CalHFA.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Maria Funk, Ph.D., District Chief, Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development at (213) 251-6582.

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