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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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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 Health Care Services (CDHCS), formerly 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 MHSA Housing Program Los Angeles County Application Process includes a non-competitive solicitation of Letters of Interest (a brief description of the project), review of proposed projects by the MHSA Housing Advisory Board and informing your Board of the projects proposed to be submitted by DMH to CDHCS 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:	East LA Community Corporation
Property Manager:	The John Stewart Company
Service Provider:	Los Angeles House of Ruth
MHSA Funded Units:	9
Total Units:	25
Target Population:	Adults and families that meet MHSA target population criteria
Targeted Income Level:	30% of Area Median Income
Locations:	4125 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023
Supervisorial District:	1
Requested Funding:	$1,000,000

In accordance with the process outlined in the Application Process, the MHSA Housing Advisory Board reviewed the Letter of Interest during its November 1, 2012 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. 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 CDHCS and CalHFA.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Reina Turner, Division Chief, Countywide Housing, Employment and Education Resource Development/Housing Policy and Development, at (213) 251-6558.

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