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April 12, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION AND THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS FOR THE HEALTH IMPACT PROJECT: ADVANCING SMARTER POLICIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES**

This is to notify you that I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on March 12, 2013, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award (GA) from the collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts (RWJF & Pew), to support the Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities for the anticipated period of February 28, 2013 through February 27, 2015, at an estimated amount of \$125,000 per year, with a required matching fund or in-kind support in a minimum of \$100,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, review by Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed, and notification to your Board and the CEO which may include a provision for mutual indemnification.

Under this authority, I will accept GA Contract Number 25959, issued by the RWJF & Pew on March 15, 2013, in the amount of \$249,764, effective date of signature by the Department of Public Health (DPH) through April 30, 2015. This award requires a minimum of \$100,000 in matching funds or in-kind support, which DPH will meet with in-kind salaries supported by net County cost.

This funding will enable DPH to conduct Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) and develop sustainable, self-supporting HIA programs in Los Angeles County. DPH will create a Health Impact Evaluation Center to develop and sustain the HIA capacity, relationships, and systems needed for the HIA program. The HIAs will help inform policy-makers of the potential health effects of proposed policies, programs, plans, and projects in order to make decisions that reduce unnecessary health risks, improve health, and ultimately, decrease health and social costs.

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CEO Risk Management has reviewed and approved the GA which includes a provision for mutual indemnification. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the GA as to use and this delegated authority action.

An appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$125,000 is required for this delegated authority action and will be included in the Final Changes Budget Request for fiscal year 2013-14.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors