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August 5, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *J. Fielding*
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CONTRACT NUMBER PH-001949 WITH THE RAND CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on June 6, 2012, to amend existing service agreements related to public health emergency preparedness and response, through June 30, 2017, with contract maximum obligations not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, per grant term, 100 percent funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Award for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will execute Amendment Number 3 to County Contract Number PH-001949 with the RAND Corporation (RAND), to extend the term, effective August 10, 2013 through June 30, 2014, increasing the total contractual obligation by \$230,000, from \$245,811 to \$475,811, 100 percent offset by CDC Notice of Award Number 5U90TP000516.

In 2010, the Department of Public Health partnered with RAND, the Emergency Network of Los Angeles, and the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles to establish the Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience project, a collaborative effort sponsored by the CDC and the National Institute of Mental Health to develop a community-wide disaster resiliency effort that includes members of emergency response agencies and faith-based and community leaders throughout Los Angeles County. The project aims to engage community-based organizations in providing leadership and partnership to promote community resilience in the face of public health emergencies such as pandemics and disasters.

Under this amendment, RAND will develop a yearly education evaluation plan related to community resilience; continue to analyze the impact of the community resilience project components (pilot design, message development for at-risk and specific needs populations, non-governmental agency engagement and participation in resilience building exercises and activities and social/organizational networking advances); assist with the development and training of the community resilience mapping tool; provide ongoing evaluation technical assistance; measure baseline level and end of year progress on message development and

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participating community partners through surveys leveraging social networks; and collaborate with DPH to create an annual interim pilot project report.

RAND is uniquely qualified to partner with DPH on this project because of its unique access to communities of interest, extensive experience working in public health preparedness and response planning, and nationally recognized leadership and expertise in community resilience.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Amendment Number 3 as to use and this delegated authority action.

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