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FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D. *Mitchell Katz*
Director

SUBJECT: **LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER AWARDED HAROLD P. FREEMAN AWARD**

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I am pleased to inform you that LAC+USC Medical Center has been selected to receive the Harold P. Freeman Award from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The Harold P. Freeman Award was established by the ACS in 1990 and is awarded annually by divisions to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the fight against cancer in medically underserved communities. The California Division of the ACS presents up to three awards per year to individuals and organizations in recognition of their achievements to reduce cancer disparities among medically underserved populations. Harold P. Freeman, M.D., for whom this award is named, served as National President of the ACS from 1988 to 1989. He was also the chief architect of ACS's initiative on cancer in underserved communities and is a leading authority on the relationship between race, poverty, and cancer.

We are currently in the process of coordinating the logistics for a brief ceremony where leadership from the ACS will present this prestigious award. Once we know more details, we will notify your Health Deputy in the event that your office is able to join us for this special occasion.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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