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Chief Executive Officer

September 10, 2014

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
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Fifth District

REPORT BACK ON PREVENTING A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE REDUCTION FOR DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS (ITEM NO. 55, AGENDA OF MAY 20, 2014)

On May 20, 2014, a Motion presented by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back every two weeks regarding the identification of appropriate alternative sites for the provision of DMH CalWORKs services, Wellness Clinical Team services, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs that were relocated from the Little Tokyo Lofts (LTL) site, so that no service delivery delays or reductions will occur for the County residents originally targeted for services. Every two weeks written updates will be provided to the Board until alternative sites are identified and opened for services.

Since our last report dated August 19, 2014, the Board approved the lease terms for the 621 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th Street (former Greyhound/Rapid Transit District (RTD) Station) on September 2, 2014. This location will house the CalWORKs and the Preventive and Early Intervention (PEI) programs. Following necessary tenant improvements, the targeted relocation date of these programs is December 2014.

With regard to the status of the LTL site, CEO Real Estate Division (CEO-RED), DMH, Sheriff Security Services and the building renovation architect met with LTL facility management on August 22, 2014 to review any safety or security issues identified at the LTL site. We walked the building premises and identified residential areas we can ensure staff would not trespass. In addition, we have scheduled a meeting with the

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residents on September 18, 2014 to discuss the Board's directive to move administrative staff only into the leased space and to discuss the resumption of construction in the space to prepare for the alternative use. A copy of the letter transmitted to residents by LTL Facilities Management is attached. CEO will follow-up with a letter to residents following the meeting, summarizing the discussion and actions adopted. LTL Facilities Management staff also plans to attend the meeting.

If you have questions, your staff may contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or email rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

August 25, 2014

To Residents of the Little Tokyo Lofts
420 G3 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Resident:

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

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COUNTY LEASED SPACE IN LITTLE TOKYO LOFTS COMMERCIAL AREA

This letter is in response to concerns noted by residents of the Little Tokyo Lofts (LTL) in regard to County leased space in the commercial area of the building in May 2014.

On January 21, 2014, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) approved an eight-year lease for 18,993 square feet of commercial space at 420 G3 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 for the purpose of servicing County residents eligible for various programs offered by the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH). The approved lease allowed for the construction of tenant improvements in order to accommodate the planned programs.

In response to your inquiries and concerns during the construction, on May 13, 2014, the Board instructed DMH to occupy the leased space with DMH **administrative** staff only. There will be no client services provided in the expanded commercial space. The space currently occupied by the County that services clients in space 355 will remain intact. The Statement of Proceedings by the Board on this matter may be reviewed on the following link: <http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/85680.pdf>.

In an effort to address your concerns regarding the safety of the current program, the revised construction plan and any concerns regarding the new use of the space, the County invites you to meet with representatives of the Chief Executive Office (CEO), DMH, and Sheriff to discuss workable solutions. During that meeting we will also discuss ways in which you can communicate concerns regarding DMH operations and be assured those concerns are adequately addressed.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kawada Building, 222 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 4th Floor Conference Room. Parking will be available in the lot adjacent to the building.

If you are unable to make the meeting, the CEO will transmit a written summary of the meeting's discussion and actions to each resident the week of September 29, 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

RITA L. ROBINSON
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Community Services Cluster

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