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December 14, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

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**ACCEPTANCE OF AN IN-KIND DONATION OF SERVICES AND SUPPLIES  
FOR THE DESIGN AND CREATION OF ART FROM THE ART OF ELYSIUM  
TO THE LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER  
(FIRST DISTRICT)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to accept an in-kind donation of services and supplies for the design and creation of art and individual pieces of art from the Art of Elysium to the LAC+USC Medical Center.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Interim Director of Health Services (Interim Director), or his designee, to accept, with appreciation, an in-kind donation of services and supplies from various artists for the design and creation of art and individual pieces of art with a total estimated value of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 from the Art of Elysium (Elysium) to LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC MC) to create a child-friendly environment.

2. Delegate authority to the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept any future ongoing in-kind donations of services and supplies from various artists for the design and creation of art and individual pieces of art from Elysium at LAC+USC MC, with notification to your Board.

3. Authorize the Executive Officer to send a thank you letter (Attachment I) to Elysium for their very generous in-kind donation of services and supplies by



various artists for the beautification of the LAC+USC MC and delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to send future thank you letters to Elysium for future donations.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

County Fiscal Manual Section 2.4.2 authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355, which allows your Board to delegate authority to a County officer to accept a donation to the County.

Elysium, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1997, encourages working actors, artists and musicians to voluntarily dedicate their time and talent to children who are battling serious medical conditions. It gives hospitalized children and children with chronic disease a creative voice to discover a sense of individuality and self-efficiency. In return, artists who have stepped outside their normal scope of work are enriched by the experience.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept the current donation of services and supplies from various artists for the design and creation of art as well as individual pieces of art from Elysium, a charitable/philanthropic organization, to LAC+USC MC. Elysium will enlist the creative talents of artists to create an environment that is designed to benefit the children who are seen at LAC+USC MC. The value of the project is an estimate of the artists' time and the necessary supplies.

Approval of the second recommendation will allow the Interim Director, or his designee, to accept any future similar donations from various artists for this project from Elysium for LAC+USC MC, with notification to your Board.

Approval of the third recommendation will authorize the Executive Officer to send a thank you letter to Elysium for their generous in-kind donation at the onset of the project and authorize the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to send additional letters throughout the completion of this project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This is an in-kind donation. There are no net County costs involved in this action. LAC+USC MC staff will install the artwork as necessary as part of the scope and course of their normal duties.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Elysium's Visual Imagery and Environmental Wellness (VIEW) project for LAC+USC MC will begin in the children's acute care unit and is valued between \$500,000-\$750,000. Upon approval of the LAC+USC MC Chief Executive Officer, Elysium volunteer artists will paint specific areas using child-appropriate colors. The next phase of the VIEW project is the creation of an appropriate children's environment in the children's clinics. The value of this phase is \$250,000. All volunteers will adhere to all the standard LAC+USC MC volunteer requirements to be on premises and sign a waiver of

liability.

In addition, Elysium and a panel of art advisers and curators will facilitate donations of works of art by contemporary artists through the support of individual donors and corporate sponsors. They have estimated all the installations to be completed approximately two years from the start date. LAC +USC MC's Art Council will approve all proposed donations prior to project start-up and installation.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This generous donation will assist the LAC+USC MC in continuing its efforts to serve the residents of Los Angeles County. There will be no negative impact on current Medical Center services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Schunhoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

JOHN F. SCHUNHOFF, Ph.D.

Interim Director

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Enclosures

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

December 14, 2010

Mr. Eli Consilvio  
The Art of Elysium  
3278 Wilshire Blvd., Penthouse  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Dear Mr. Consilvio:

At its meeting held December 14, 2010, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks and appreciation, the Art of Elysium's very generous donation of design and artwork with an estimated monetary value of \$ 750,000 to create a child-friendly environment in the pediatric acute care unit and pediatric clinics at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services LAC+USC Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to the Art of Elysium for this very generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER