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FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
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SUBJECT: **EXTENSION REQUEST FOR OUR STATUS REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES GROUP HOME MONITORING (Board Agenda Item 3, April 14, 2009)**

On April 14, 2009, your Board instructed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in conjunction with the Auditor-Controller (A-C) and the Chief Executive Officer, to transition the Group Home (GH) program monitoring responsibility to DCFS. Your Board also instructed the A-C to provide semi-annual status reports, during the first two years that DCFS has primary responsibility for GH monitoring, on DCFS' efforts to effectively monitor the GHs. We issued our first semi-annual status report in March 2010 that covered DCFS' monitoring activity from July through December 2009.

We are in the process of finalizing our second semi-annual status report covering the period of January through September 2010 and expect to issue our report to your Board by October 29, 2010.

Please call me if you have any question, or your staff may contact Don Chadwick at (213) 253-0301.

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