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MICHAEL J. HENRY
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

March 3, 2006

To: Each Supervisor

From: Michael J. Henry
Director of Personnel

Subject: **PRESS INQUIRY**

Yesterday I was contacted by Steve Hymon, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, regarding a story he is doing on Councilman Herb Wesson and campaign fundraising. He indicated that I had been named as president of a committee called "Committee for a Better California," and that a Mr. Bruce Young was the Treasurer.

I told Mr. Hymon that I do receive solicitations for campaign contributions and to join committees, etc., quite often. However, because of my position with the County I have routinely turned those offers down and would never have accepted a position of any type on such a committee.

Mr. Hymon indicated that this committee had paid consultant fees to one of Herb Wesson's sons. I indicated that I was not aware of, approved of, or participated in revenues or expenses under the authority of this committee. I told Mr. Hymon that while Herb is a friend of mine, I have never discussed or agreed to serve on any political committee for him or anybody else. Furthermore, I have sent the attached letter to Mr. Young.

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Attachment
c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

March 2, 2006

Mr. Bruce Young
925 L Street, Suite 1490
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Young:

It was recently brought to my attention that I was listed as the President of the "Committee for a Better California" and that you were the Treasurer. This letter serves as a request, **effective immediately,** to have my name **removed** as President or having any affiliation with the named Committee.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. HENRY

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