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January 9, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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RE: Motion to Consolidate Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health (DPH)

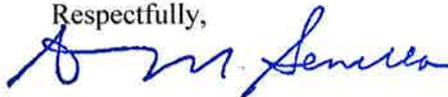
Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc. (CAADPE), Los Angeles County Chapter, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed motion to consolidate Departments of Health Services (DHS), Mental Health (DMH) and Public Health (DPH). CAADPE represents over 35 organizations providing various health services throughout the County of Los Angeles. CAADPE respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors postpone the vote on the motion, until stakeholders and the general public are provided with adequate time to provide their input and comments.

The assumption that a single combined health department would best serve the county, is not necessarily the case. Without the opportunity to fully to examine and discuss the ramifications in an open process we take the risk of acting prematurely. As such, it is imperative that this motion be delayed and that stakeholders and the public be invited to discuss the impact of the proposed changes.

I appreciate your consideration of our request to postpone voting on this motion. Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at asenella@tarzanatc.org or by phone at (818)654-3815 should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Albert M. Senella
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