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February 9, 2015

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EXTENSION REQUEST – CHILD SAFETY COUNTYWIDE MISSION STATEMENT

On January 13, 2015, your Board directed the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Board of Supervisors and all involved departments (in consultation with the Transition Team to the Office of Child Protection (Transition Team)), to report back within 30 days with a proposed County mission statement on child safety for Board adoption. On January 14, 2015, the Chief Executive Office announced structural and management changes which became effective February 1, 2015. The structural changes included the identification of Fesia Davenport as the Interim Director of the Office of Child Protection (OCP), which was established by Board motion on June 10, 2014. Ms. Davenport formally began her new role on February 2, 2015.

On February 3, 2015, the OCP convened a meeting with Department Heads and Chief Deputies to develop the countywide mission statement on child safety. At that meeting 24 attendees representing 13 Departments participated. The participating departments include: Chief Executive Office (Service Integration Branch), Child Support, Children and Family Services, District Attorney, Health Services, Library, Office of Education, Mental Health, Parks and Recreation, Probation, Public Health, Public Social Services, and Sheriff. Additional follow-up meetings are scheduled. An essential component of a unified, countywide child protection system is consensus among Departments on the countywide mission statement on child protection. Simultaneous to Department Head meetings, OCP will share the proposed statement with the Transition Team.

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Finally, in order to respond to this Board's June 10, 2014 directive, the OCP has begun a comprehensive analysis of the recommendations, as well as a review of the information acquired by and the efforts undertaken by the Transition Team, in order for OCP to assume responsibility for implementing the recommendations – a function currently performed by the Transition Team.

Based on the efforts currently underway, the OCP seeks an extension of 30 days to allow the OCP additional time to complete the countywide mission statement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Fesia Davenport at (213) 974-1186, or via email at fdavenport@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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