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

Dear Supervisors:

The County of Los Angeles Public Health Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential creation of a health agency. As Public Health Commissioners, we believe that it is our responsibility to protect population health and ensure that it remains a priority for Los Angeles County.

Therefore, after receiving diverse stakeholder feedback and engaging in extensive discussions with other County Commissions, health professionals and advocates, the Public Health Commission presents the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

- Delay a final decision on any model of integration;
- Name an independent third party (not on the staff of the departments of Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Health) who is mutually agreed upon by the Board and the three department directors to assist the three departments in identifying three to four key areas (and developing a work plan within 90 days after the naming of the independent third party) where integration will result in enhanced care, services, and population health.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to providing additional feedback as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

Crystal D. Crawford, J.D.
Public Health Commission Chairperson

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