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Dear Lanterman Family Members, Employees, Regional Centers, Former LDC Residents, Community Providers, Advocates and Involved Parties:

Again, we would like to take a moment and acknowledge a tremendous achievement by all of you. Since January 2010 we have worked together to redefine the future for the men and women who previously called Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC or Lanterman) home. With the last LDC resident's transition to their new home on December 23, 2014, together we have accomplished a major undertaking. We have successfully provided alternative community living arrangements for all of the individuals previously served at the developmental center. Services have transitioned from the dedicated staff who delivered high-quality services to the residents while at LDC, to the community-based service providers who are now entrusted with supporting these remarkable individuals and providing them with new opportunities.

The partnership, collaboration and problem solving we have experienced with Lanterman families, Regional Centers, the Southern California Integrated Living Project, LDC staff, Lanterman Regional Project staff and providers enabled us to reach this point. Though the residential settings may be different, everyone involved in the lives of the former residents of LDC have worked tirelessly to ensure the services and supports necessary to maximize each person's potential and well-being are in place.

Through the LDC closure process, we have been able to enhance the services delivered in the community and develop innovative options for individuals leaving LDC. Utilizing Community Placement Plan funds, we developed 92 homes with capacity for 364 individuals from Lanterman. Fourteen of those homes are Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Healthcare Needs (ARFPSHN), or "853" homes, providing increased residential options to very medically fragile individuals. Where appropriate, we were able to utilize existing resources, and day program services were expanded. The health and safety of each person has been the highest priority; transition to the community only occurred when all necessary services and supports were in place. We have proceeded with care, vigilance and commitment to ensure the best possible futures for all individuals.

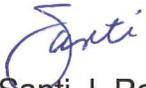
It is a privilege to do the work that we do and empower individuals we serve to make choices and receive the services and supports they need to lead more independent and

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productive lives. And now together we encourage you to take the time to enjoy the smiles, new skills, accomplishments and discoveries of the individuals who transitioned from the center as we all focus on delivering the best possible services moving forward.

Thank you all for your contributions toward this important work.

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Santi J. Rogers and Staff