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VIA E-MAIL

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**Re: Media Query on LA County Outside Interests/Conflicts
Disclosure**

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On February 3, 2021 you sent a media query directed to "Rodrigo Castro Silva; Amy Naamani; Rochessa Washington; Hilda Solis; Sheila Kuehl; Janice Hahn, Holly Mitchell, Kathryn Barger, Max Huntsman", comprised of a series of questions regarding the above captioned subject. On February 12, 2021, you submitted the identical query to Auditor-Controller Arlene Barrera as well as to Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport and Phil Ansell of Ms. Davenport's office.

Based upon a review of your questions, we assume that your February 3, 2021 inquiry is specifically directed to the Department of Health Services ("DHS") and your February 12, 2021 inquiry, to the Auditor Controller Department ("A-C") and the Chief Executive Office ("CEO"). To the extent that your questions may be answered with documents, we are interpreting your inquiries to be a California Public Records Request ("CPRA") to DHS, the A-C and CEO. Your questions were:

1. "Are you aware that Leslie Jordan, Capital Construction Program Manager–CIIP for the Housing For Health unit of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, also is the founder and current principal of Perch Projects?"
2. Does the County of Los Angeles or any entities that receive funding and other forms of support from the County of Los Angeles do business with Perch Projects?
3. Does the County of Los Angeles have a policy requiring disclosures of outside interests held by its employees?

4. Does the County of Los Angeles have a policy requiring employees to disclose possible or acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest?
5. Has the County of Los Angeles required disclosures of outside interests from Ms. Jordan?
6. If so, what official(s) and/or office would consider such a disclosure?
7. Has the County of Los Angeles required disclosures of possible or acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest from Ms. Jordan?
8. What official(s) and/or office would consider such disclosures?
9. Has Ms. Jordan been cleared by the County of Los Angeles to retain her interest in Perch Projects?
10. If so, what official(s) and/or office made that determination?
11. Has Ms. Jordan and Perch Projects been cleared of any possible, acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest?
12. If so, what official(s) and/or office made that determination?

As a prefatory matter, please be advised that Ms. Leslie Jordan is a sub-contractor and not an employee of the County of Los Angeles. Notwithstanding, DHS, the A-C and CEO will endeavor to provide any documents that are responsive to your questions however, we are extending the time to respond to your request by an additional 14 days due to the existence of unusual circumstances included under the Government Code section 6253(c). The unusual circumstances include the need to coordinate efforts to search for, collect, and appropriately examine potentially responsive records. Our office extends the time to respond and anticipates having more information on or before March 2, 2021. Also, note that the County reserves its right to assert all applicable privileges/doctrines and exemptions.

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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