ACHIEVING OUR COUNTYWIDE VISION

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TO **MENTAL HEALTH GROUP PARTICIPANT**

SUBJECT **OUR ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE COUNTYWIDE VISION**

Thank you for giving your valuable time and assistance to the development of our Countywide Vision that will be meaningful for residents, businesses and public agencies alike for decades to come. Your input on the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in Mental Health was extremely important and remains vital to achieving countywide success within your industry.

We invite you to stay at the table and continue to be a vital participant in this ongoing community dialogue so that together we may move toward a complete, sustainable community that affords an opportunity for healthy lifestyles, strong public safety and quality amenities for all of San Bernardino County.

The Countywide Vision was established through input from our whole community. These contributions were summarized into a report that identified nine core vision elements, a set of shared values and a series of examples that demonstrate innovative and collaborative solutions to critical issues. The end result, a Countywide Vision Statement, was adopted on June 30, 2011, by the County Board of Supervisors and San Bernardino Associated Governments Board of Directors.

As we now collectively lead the county toward achievement of the goals set by the Vision, the critical link is to continue our conversations and carry on the collaborative process.

In the upcoming months, we will convene community discussions focused on the nine Vision Elements. The participants will include volunteers representing a wide spectrum of industries, including education, business, health care, public safety, arts and culture, natural resources, government, and our faith and community-based organizations. Bringing these diverse groups together will feed the spark of innovative thinking that has

already begun and provide opportunities for us to collectively discover solutions to our most pressing needs countywide.

We will contact you in the weeks ahead to provide you the meeting schedule, and we are counting on your participation and the contribution of your experience, industry expertise and insight.

In the interim, we encourage you to affirm your support for this effort by having your agency or business formally adopt the Countywide Vision Statement. We have enclosed a sample resolution you may use. Once your agency or business has taken action, please notify Bob Page with the County Administrative Office at (909) 387-5425, and we will ensure you are listed on the Vision website as a Supporting Agency.

Thank you, in advance, for continuing to be a part of this important endeavor.

Countywide Vision Statement

Adopted by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
June 30, 2011

We envision a complete county that capitalizes on the diversity of its people, its geography, and its economy to create a broad range of choices for its residents in how they live, work, and play.

We envision a vibrant economy with a skilled workforce that attracts employers who seize the opportunities presented by the county's unique advantages and provide the jobs that create countywide prosperity.

We envision a sustainable system of high-quality education, community health, public safety, housing, retail, recreation, arts and culture, and infrastructure, in which development complements our natural resources and environment.

We envision a model community which is governed in an open and ethical manner, where great ideas are replicated and brought to scale, and all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals.

From our valleys, across our mountains, and into our deserts, we envision a county that is a destination for visitors and a home for anyone seeking a sense of community and the best life has to offer.