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Helene Schneider  
 Mayor, City of Santa Barbara  
 735 Anacapa St.  
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Pearson and Mayor Schneider:

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS), our Department is hereby requesting assistance from the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency to secure a new social detoxification facility in Santa Barbara.

Detoxification services are a priority for ADMHS. For the past six years, ADMHS has contracted with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) to provide a 12-bed social detoxification service in South County at its current location, Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter. Our Department provides \$233,790 annually to CADA for this detoxification service. As our ADMHS contractor, CADA has had a lease agreement with Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter for use of space at the shelter.

Though the detoxification services at Casa Esperanza have been satisfactory, the location has been problematic. The current space is too small to facilitate adequate treatment activities, and the layout of the space has made it difficult to accommodate both men and women. Accordingly, for over a year, women from South County requiring detoxification services have been referred to services in North County.

Further, Casa Esperanza has indicated to CADA that it needs access to the space currently occupied by the detoxification services, and Casa Esperanza has asked CADA to relocate to another site.

ADMHS and CADA have therefore been resolved to move these detoxification services to a more appropriate location. Both ADMHS and CADA are very appreciative that the City Housing Authority has been diligently working in partnership with our organizations to find a more appropriate location for South County detoxification services. Several properties have been considered.

The property presently under consideration on 1020 Placido Place is very suitable. With relatively minor modifications to address the requirements for physically disabled persons, this property will satisfy the State of California Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) Detoxification Guidelines and will be able to serve both men and women. ADMHS and CADA regard this as a very desirable location for social detoxification in South County.

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The Housing Authority would lease the space to CADA, and AMDHS would continue to contract with CADA for the delivery of services. ADMHS therefore respectfully requests the assistance of the City Housing Authority and the City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency in securing a property for these important detoxification services.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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