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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE and OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

Enclosed is the "Plan for the Closure of Lanterman Developmental Center" (Plan), submitted by the Department of Developmental Services (Department) for consideration and approval by the Legislature pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4474.1. Under the statute, the Department is required to submit a detailed closure plan to the Legislature no later than April 1 immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the plan is to be implemented, and meet other stated requirements.

The Plan presents essential information concerning Lanterman Developmental Center (Lanterman), including the residents, the employees and the property. It describes the planning process for development of the Plan, the stakeholder involvement, and the impact closure will have on residents and their families, employees, the surrounding community, and regional center services. The Plan also incorporates successful policies and initiatives from the Agnews Developmental Center closure process, and identifies the key strategies and activities the Department will undertake, along with the anticipated timeline, to achieve a safe and successful closure of Lanterman.

The decision to recommend closure was not made lightly, as it will impact the many residents served, their families, and all of the employees who have worked hard to make Lanterman a caring and positive place to live. The Department is committed to the well-being of the residents and staff, and will work toward positive changes as described in the Plan. If this Plan is approved by the Legislature, it is just the first step in a collaborative and open process. Closure will occur only after appropriate services and supports are secured for each resident as identified through the individualized planning process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 654-1897, or Patricia Flannery, Deputy Director, Developmental Centers Division, at (916) 654-1963.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Delgadillo".

TERRI DELGADILLO
Director

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