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REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY TO RELOCATE HEADQUARTERS AND EAST-CENTRAL OFFICE TO SANTA ANA'S TUSTIN CENTRE TOWER

Move Expected to Improve Consumer Service and Save Money

SANTA ANA, Calif., May 4 – Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) today announced that it has signed a 10-year lease and will move its combined headquarters office and East-Central area office to the Tustin Centre Tower complex when the lease for its current Civic Center Drive offices ends on November 30.

Located at 1525 North Tustin Avenue, near the intersection of 17th Street and Tustin Avenue in Santa Ana, the four-story building will house approximately 220 RCOC employees, including management staff, human resources, accounting, health services, community resources, consumer services and the intake department, as well as service coordinators and other area office staff serving individuals and their families who reside in the eastern and central parts of Orange County.

The Tustin Centre building is designed to be an environmentally sustainable design. Building status as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified and as ENERGY STAR – the national mark of excellence in energy performance – labeled is pending.

RCOC's Executive Director Larry Landauer said that his agency – which receives public funds to provide life-critical services to people with developmental disabilities in Orange County -- is pleased to be able to take advantage of lowered real estate values and high commercial property vacancies to secure better office space at lower cost.

“The new building has excellent freeway access, close proximity to public transportation, and adequate parking – including handicapped” he said. “These factors and others, combined with the lower cost, made this a prudent move for RCOC as we work to gain as much value as possible from every dollar entrusted to us.”

Regional Center of Orange County (www.rcocdd.com) is the private, nonprofit organization contracted by the State of California to coordinate services and supports for the more than 17,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include cognitive disabilities (sometimes referred to as mental retardation), autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. RCOC's board of directors is composed entirely of volunteers.

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