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Supervisor, Fourth District

September 28, 2020

Mr. Dean Logan
Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Mr. Logan,


I am writing you regarding the upcoming election and how residents of Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) can vote safely. We are living in unprecedented times, but it is our responsibility to ensure that all residents eligible to vote are able to cast their ballot safely.

I have been notified by the Gray Panthers Political Action Committee of concerns about the ability of SNF residents to safely cast their vote. They are concerned that current State and County restrictions on visitation in nursing homes will disenfranchise residents from casting their ballot. The Gray Panthers have been working with California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) to address these concerns with the Office of the Inspector General, but it is the County's responsibility to guarantee that our residents are able to cast their ballot with the current restrictions.

Therefore, I am asking you to send a letter to all SNFs in Los Angeles County, with a copy to my office and the Office of the Inspector General, notifying them to submit a Vote By Mail (VBM) Hospital Application to ensure that all SNF residents are provided a VBM ballot. If this action does not fully satisfy my expressed desire to provide the appropriate access to voting, please also indicate what further actions need to be taken locally.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with the County on voting matters.

Sincerely,



JANICE HAHN
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

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C: Max Huntsman, Inspector General