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TO: Department Heads

FROM: Terri Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Public Records Act Requests

As you may be aware, we have seen a recent increase in the volume of California Public Record Act requests.

The California Public Records Act is an important tool for open and transparent government and the County remains committed to fulfilling the spirit and the letter of the law.

In an effort to ensure timely responses to these requests, and also track the resources required to respond, we ask that all California Public Record Act requests be directed to the Chief Administrative Office (CAO). CAO staff will work with departments to gather requested documentation and provide an appropriate response.

Many requests from the public for information are easily addressed in the normal course of business. **In no way** are we discouraging you or your staff from responding to routine requests for information that is readily available and part of your normal course of business. We are only seeking a more coordinated effort on information requests that are more voluminous, cross-departmental, or otherwise more complex. Please use your own discretion when deciding whether to involve the CAO's office.

To ensure timely action, please notify each the following staff members upon receipt of a California Public Records Act request:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.