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L.A. County Board of Supervisors
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Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director
Ms. Dee Ann Bagwell, Policy and Planning Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Division
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SUBJECT: Establishing Vaccination PODs on the Palos Verdes Peninsula

Dear Supervisors, Dr. Ferrer, and Ms. Bagwell:

The cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates thank you for your continued efforts to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to as many of our frontline health care workers and seniors as possible.

Seniors 65 and over make up one quarter of the population of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Like many cities, in the past week, the four cities of the Peninsula have been inundated with phone calls from now vaccine-eligible residents eager to learn how they can get an appointment. Many have expressed frustration with the great distance between the Palos Verdes Peninsula and PODs in Los Angeles. The nearest county-run POD is 15 miles and two freeways away at the Forum in Inglewood. Wait times associated with mass distribution sites are also dissuading those otherwise ready to get vaccinated.

We appreciate the enormous logistical undertaking of distributing the vaccine to eligible residents across Los Angeles County, especially given the extremely limited supply of available vaccine.

We are eager to assist in any way possible to establish local PODs on the Peninsula to ensure our seniors have access to this desperately-needed vaccine. Similar to other cities in the county, the Peninsula cities have seen COVID-19 case rates skyrocket during the winter surge. Since the start of December 2020, new COVID-19 cases

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reported in the Peninsula cities increased by 148%. Devastatingly, COVID-19 deaths reported in the Peninsula cities rose by 159%.

We have carefully reviewed the requirements necessary to accommodate a POD and have determined the following locations across the Peninsula to be suitable:

- Ernie Howlett Park, 25851 Hawthorne Blvd. in Rolling Hills Estates
- Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd. in Rancho Palos Verdes
- Point Vicente Interpretive Center, 31501 Palos Verdes Dr. West in Rancho Palos Verdes
- Point Vicente Lighthouse, 31550 Palos Verdes Dr. West in Rancho Palos Verdes
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. in Rancho Palos Verdes

We request that the Department of Public Health please advise us of the next steps necessary to set up local PODS as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you again for your efforts and we are eager to partner with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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