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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



March 25, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

OPERATION HOMEBOUND

The purpose of this communication is to advise you of a very successful program created by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), which was instituted on March 15, 2021, bringing vaccinations to our homebound residents.

As you may recall on January 7, 2021, I wrote to Governor Gavin Newsom requesting emergency State of California authorization to allow our Emergency Medically Trained (EMT) deputies to administer vaccinations. This request was granted allowing the LASD to expand our efforts in vaccinating our underserved communities.

On January 15, 2021, I wrote to you offering my assistance to help rollout the COVID-19 vaccine to Los Angeles County residents. I offered the assistance of my logistic experts with our Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB) in order to have a third party vet the plan, assess its thoroughness, and offer recommendations for optimization.

On March 15, 2021, the LASD began vaccinating our homebound and special needs population by bringing the vaccine to them. To date, the LASD has vaccinated hundreds of our underserved community members and approximately 4000 LASD personnel. We also have a plan in place to vaccinate our homeless population. The LASD has developed best practices to accomplish this goal and the expertise to do it.

On March 23, 2021, I was pleased to hear you unanimously voted to instruct the Los Angeles County Public Health Department and other agencies to assess the needs of people, who for health reasons or age, cannot get to any vaccination site. I can tell you that they can be vaccinated, as we have already begun doing so.

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I stand committed to ensure the safety of every resident in Los Angeles County and collaborate with any department to help optimize the process. As I stated in my January 15, 2021, letter, together we can accomplish more and effectively implement plans which will serve as a model for the nation to follow.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF

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