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Scott Chadwick
Chief Operating Officer
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202 "C" Street, MS 9-A
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Re: **Sanitation of Contaminated Riverbeds to Combat Hepatitis A**

Dear Mr. Chadwick:

Thank you for your continued efforts regarding the City of San Diego's compliance with my letter, the Health Officer Directive to Combat Hepatitis A, issued on August 31, 2017, and the Declaration of Local Health Emergency, issued on September 1, 2017. We are sending this letter to you because of some apparent confusion among one or more council members about the scope of the provisions in the Directive and the Declaration of Local Health Emergency. As you are aware, and as set forth in the Declaration of Local Health Emergency, there is unprecedented Hepatitis A outbreak activity in San Diego County; this includes all areas where homeless reside in unsanitary conditions, including along the riverbeds and ravines. As the Directive and Declaration of Local Health Emergency state, the Hepatitis A virus is resilient, cases are not diminishing, and enhanced sanitation in all areas where homeless individuals reside may help minimize chances of transmission and help contain the outbreak when coupled with ongoing immunization and education efforts.

This letter is meant to reiterate what was stated in our previous Directive and Declaration of Local Health Emergency, in order to effectively combat this outbreak. To conform to the direction given by the County, the City must take measures to sanitize all contaminated areas where homeless reside within the City's jurisdiction including, but not limited to, riverbeds and ravines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen N. Robbins-Meyer".

HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Nick Macchione, FACHE, HHS A Director/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Wilma J. Wooten, M.D. M.P.H., Public Health Officer