



December 14, 2022

Rigoberto Vargas, Director
Ventura County Public Health
2240 Gonzales, Suite 210
Oxnard, CA 93030

Good afternoon Rigo,

After much consideration and discussion within the team of Communities Lifting Communities (CLC) and the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), we have determined CLC will not be able to meet the intent of the Ventura County Community Information Exchange (VCCIE) contract approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 1, 2022.

We believe the county would be better served if they contracted with an organization like the Public Health Institute, which is already embedded in the community and providing resources and support for this project. We apologize if our withdrawal creates a problem for you, but we believe it is in the best interest of the county and the community you serve.

We hope this action doesn't preclude CLC from discussing future opportunities to partner with you and the Ventura County Public Health Department.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Harrington".

Susan Harrington, President
Communities Lifting Communities

cc: Mark Gamble, Chief of Policy and Advocacy, Hospital Association of Southern California