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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: ACCESS SERVICES' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ISSUE

This Board Box is to inform the Board about the recent staffing changes at Access Services (Access), Los Angeles County's regional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit agency. Effective immediately, Shelly Verrinder is no longer serving as the Executive Director of Access. The Access Board has appointed Deputy Executive Director André Colaiace to serve as the interim Executive Director. Over the next few months, the Access Board of Directors will conduct a national search to find a permanent Executive Director. I anticipate playing a key role in the selection of the permanent Executive Director to ensure that the best possible leader is selected for this important function for the region.

DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Access' Board Chairman Doran Barnes issued the following statement, "Shelly Verrinder is no longer serving as the Executive Director of Access. Shelly has been a part of Access for more than 20 years and served as its Executive Director since 2005. During her tenure, Access has grown to be one of the largest and leading paratransit agencies in the country. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

The Access Board has appointed Deputy Executive Director, André Colaiace, as interim Executive Director effective immediately. Andre has 20 years' experience in the transit industry, has previously served on the Access Board as its Chairman and has served in various executive capacities with Access over the last ten years.

During this transition period we remain dedicated to the mission of serving the paratransit needs of our customers and member organizations."

Access has grown to be one of the largest paratransit agencies in the country, providing more than 3.4 million trips per year to more than 175,000 certified ADA riders in a service area of over 1,950 square miles.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 213-922-7555.