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**FOLLOW-UP AUDIT
OF DEPARTMENTAL CONTROL REVIEW
HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
NEW PROGRAMS-CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND
REVOLVING FUNDS
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Transmittal Letter

Audit No. 2532

September 27, 2005

TO: Paula Burrier-Lund, Director
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FROM: Peter Hughes, Ph.D., CPA, Director
Internal Audit Department

SUBJECT: **Final Close-Out Follow-Up Audit** of Department Control Review of Housing & Community Services Department New Programs – Cash Disbursements and Revolving Funds, Original Audit No. 2349, Issued July 15, 2004

We have completed a Final Follow-Up Audit of cash disbursements and revolving funds in the Housing & Community Services Department's New Programs - Office on Aging, Special Programs Division, and the Veterans Service Office. Our audit was limited to reviewing, as of June 30, 2005, actions taken to implement the recommendations made in our original audit report dated July 15, 2004. The results of our Follow-Up Audit are discussed in the **Internal Auditor's Report** following this transmittal letter. Because satisfactory corrective action has been taken for all eighteen audit findings, this report represents the close-out of the original audit.

As the Director of the Internal Audit Department, I now make a monthly audit status presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) where I detail any material and significant audit findings released in reports during the prior month, the implementation status of audit recommendations as disclosed by our Follow-Up Audits, any pressing audit or resource issues; as well as, respond to inquiries from the BOS. Therefore, the results of this Follow-Up Audit will be included in a future summary to the Board.

Other recipients of this report:

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INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT
FINAL CLOSE-OUT

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September 27, 2005

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We have completed a Final Close-Out Follow-Up Audit of our Department Control Review of cash disbursements and revolving funds in the Housing & Community Services Department (HCS) New Programs – Office on Aging, Special Programs Division, and Veterans Service Office. Our audit was limited to reviewing actions taken as of June 30, 2005 to implement the recommendations made in our original audit report dated July 15, 2004.

The original audit report contained eighteen (18) recommendations. In that report, we concluded that controls and processes for monitoring expenditures over certain contract providers were insufficient, controls over the Veterans Service Office revolving fund were not effective, and that improvements were needed in both areas of cash disbursements and revolving funds.

We are pleased to report that satisfactory corrective action has taken place for all eighteen audit recommendations. As such, this report represents the final close-out of the original audit. We commend HCS and HCS Accounting for their responsiveness and attentiveness in addressing the audit recommendations made in our original report. The actions taken by HCS in contractor fiscal monitoring and revolving fund administration have significantly enhanced controls and processes in those areas.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance extended to us by your staff during our Follow-Up Audit. If you have any questions, please contact me directly or Eli Littner, Deputy Director at (714) 834-5589 or Michael Goodwin, Audit Manager at (714) 834-6066.

Sincerely,

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Director, Internal Audit

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