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LORI PARLIN
SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT IV

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Dear Mr, Prado,

Please know that I have many concerns about statements made in your April 30, 2024 letter. You state that you contacted my office prior to your March 21, 2024 email. However, your January 26, 2024 letter to the Board of Supervisors was submitted to the Clerk of the Board as a public comment in response to me agendaing an item regarding your projects for our January 30, 2024 Board meeting. In that January 26, 2024 letter, Native Directions/HomeCA advocated for and promoted the projects in Rescue, but there was no mention of reaching out for collaboration with the County. As such, I stand by my statement that the first time Native Directions/HomeCA reached out to my office regarding these initiatives was March 21, 2024, wherein you requested a letter of support.

Our Behavioral Health staff disagree with your statement that you began communication with El Dorado County Health and Human Services in August 2022 and maintained communication throughout 2023. In fact, our staff had been notified of the project award and contacted Native Directions via email in January and February 2023 to request information about the projects, with a final informational Teams meeting, at the request of staff, in March 2023. As such, I do stand corrected that communication between the County and Native Directions/HomeCA began in February 2023, however that communication was initiated by the County and was only informational. There was no effort by Native Directions/HomeCA to collaborate on these projects as intended in the grant program until your March 21, 2024 letter, which was years after the projects were initiated and long after the grants were awarded.

The correspondence that Native Directions/HomeCA has sent to the County in 2024 appears to be an attempt to re-write history to appear that Native Directions/HomeCA initiated collaboration with the County that, in fact, did not occur. From the research that I have done, all indications are that the County has initiated contact regarding your projects, despite the requirement of the grant programs for the applicant to collaborate with local government. With that, I stand by my statement that, "It is very unfortunate that Native Directions/HomeCA did not reach out to El Dorado County early in the process to truly collaborate with us. I'm sure that we would have determined locations for your projects that are more conducive to the services that are being proposed."

Respectfully,

Supervisor Lori Parlin District IV, El Dorado County

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