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Annmarie Cameron, Executive Director
Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County
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Dear Ms. Cameron,

Thank you for your interest in the Mental Health Service Act's Housing Program. I have reviewed your Letter of Interest regarding the "Building Hope on Garden Street" housing project and have received positive recommendations from the MHSA Housing Program Advisory Committee and from the Department's Division Chief of Special Projects. The Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County is hereby formally invited to begin preparation of a full application to the California State Department of Mental Health and the California Housing Finance Agency for the amount of \$1,000,000 for construction costs and \$250,000 in capitalized operating subsidies for ten units in the Garden Street project.

Permanent supportive housing opportunities for people with severe mental illness are critically needed. I look forward with enthusiasm to collaboratively working together on the full application.

Thank you for your leadership of the Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County which provides so many community resources for individuals with mental illness and their families.

Questions may be directed to John Truman, Division Chief, Special Projects, ADMHS, (805) 689-1269; jtruman@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Thank you for all that you do to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness in our community.

Sincerely,

Ann Detrick, Ph.D.
Director