



INLAND REGIONAL CENTER

Enhancing Lives

...valuing independence, inclusion and empowerment

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Message from Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director

Dear Inland Regional Center community,

I am deeply touched by the outpouring of support the Inland Regional Center (IRC) has received from all around the world. It has been a source of strength for IRC and we are grateful.

We are also grateful for law enforcement at the local, state and national levels. Their dedication and courageous efforts are truly heroic. The first responders demonstrated incredible strength in the face of danger and unbelievable compassion for victims and others struggling in the aftermath of the attacks. Our community is fortunate these brave women and men have committed their lives and careers to protecting our community. This was just one example of the selflessness they bring to work every day.

I'm also grateful to the FBI, whose investigators and staff have worked tirelessly to assist our employees retrieve their cars and personal belongings and allowing them to get their lives back. Likewise, their commitment to preserving the property for investigation and care for those involved is admirable. I cannot thank them enough.

Here at IRC, we are forging ahead. Our team of more than 600 employees has rallied with unfathomable strength to begin assisting our more than 30,000 clients. We are in the process of securing a temporary location for administrative services. In the meanwhile, none of the financial services – such as payroll, vendor payments, etc. – have been interrupted. We are also providing additional equipment our staff may need that will allow them to continue attending to our consumer's best interests. We will be coordinating access at other locations for those who do need space to effectively meet with and serve our consumers moving forward.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, our rebuilding process will continue so that effective healing can take place. I would like to recognize and commend the unity and strength of our local community in the face of adversity. If any good can come from last week's terrible events, I hope it's the knowledge that the greater Inland Empire community has the ability to rally and aid its neighbors in times of trouble, despite great heartache.

Thank you all.