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October 24, 2010

Eric Holder, U.S. Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing you as a Council Member in the City of West Hollywood – a city within the Southern California region, which as you may know it is highly impacted by crystal-meth.

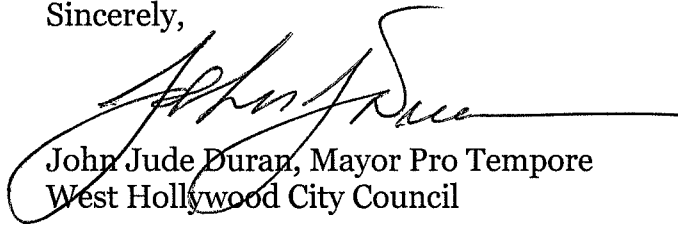
The recent announcement about the \$75 million settlement reached by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and CVS Pharmacy/Caremark Corporation is a great relief to all of us, as one of the ways to curb use is to limit “product” availability. All in our community are anxious to know more about how these funds will be used, as \$75 million could be put to fund the good work performed by so many reputable organizations in the prevention and treatment of meth.

In response to this “epidemic”, West Hollywood has taken a leadership role once again, in the same way we did when HIV first hit our region twenty five years ago.

West Hollywood has, for years now, allocated general fund dollars to pay for beds in residential treatment facilities to support men and women struggling with addiction and continues to fund prevention efforts like the WeHo Life campaign, the Tweakers Project, and others to educate people about the risks of getting addicted with meth.

We cannot do this alone and we need the support from the Federal government. \$75 millions could make a big impact in the fight against meth and we hope you will seriously consider this request.

Sincerely,



John Jude Duran, Mayor Pro Tempore  
West Hollywood City Council

c: Congressman Henry Waxman