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TO: PRODUCERS OF ADULT FILMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

In order to minimize the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections resulting from the production of adult films in the County of Los Angeles, the people of Los Angeles County enacted an ordinance to improve the safety of workers in the Adult Film Industry (AFI). Measure B requires all adult film producers filming in unincorporated county areas or in any city that has adopted Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code, Title 39, to obtain an Adult Film Production Public Health Permit.

This ordinance, titled the "Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act," became effective December 14, 2012 and regulates film production in all of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and in those cities within the county's boundaries that adopt it. During the first twelve months following the effective date, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) may issue Conditional Adult Film Public Health Permits to producers of adult films. Upon issuance, the conditions to which such producers must comply include: (a) Within six months, provide proof of successful completion of a blood borne pathogen training course specific to the adult film industry and approved by the Department for the individual owner or all company principals and management level employees, including but not limited to all film directors; (b) within six months, submit and receive Departmental approval for an Exposure Control Plan that meets all requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Sections 3203 and 5193, identifying how the employees' risk of exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material will be minimized; (c) require the use of condoms for any acts of vaginal or anal sexual intercourse in compliance with existing law (Los Angeles County Code, Title 11, Section 11.39.110A); and (d) display of the Public Health Permit in an area visible to performers at all times at the location where an adult film is being filmed.

The Act further authorizes DPH to take appropriate measures to enforce the Act, and conditions any film permit issued by the County for the production of an adult film on the use of condoms and other safety precautions.

Within the next 90 days, an ordinance will be filed for approval by the County's Board of Supervisors establishing the final fee for the public health permit required by Title 11, Chapter 39 of the Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code. Until that time, a provisional fee ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year has been established and will be billed on an annual basis.

If you have any questions regarding this ordinance and its regulations, please contact Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, at 877-777-6006.

Sincerely,

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