



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

April 1, 2008

From: Suja Lowenthal, Second District &
Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District
Rae Gabelich, Eighth District

Subject: DMV/Donate Life California Month

REQUESTED ACTION:

Respectfully request the Mayor and City Council recognize April 2008 as DMV/Donate Life California Month and encourage Long Beach residents to register as donors by checking "Yes" when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. Card, or by signing up at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Donate Life California is a nonprofit Organ and Tissue Donor Registry dedicated to saving the lives of thousands of Californians awaiting life-saving transplants. Officially formed in 2004 after being authorized by the state, California's four federally designated non profit (California Transplant Donor Network, Golden State Donor Services, Lifesharing, OneLegacy) are committed to giving every person waiting for a transplant - a second chance at life.

According to Donate Life California, currently there are nearly 20,000 Californians waiting for an organ transplant. That is 21 percent of the 94,000 people waiting across the country. Tragically, one third of them will die - waiting. Historically, while signing a donor card and placing the pink dot on a driver's license served as an important symbol of intent, it did not place a person on any list or Registry. Now, Donate Life California allows individuals to express their commitment to becoming an organ, eye and tissue donor. The Registry guarantees an individual's plans will be carried out when they die.

Since July 1st of 2006, individuals who renew or apply for a driver's license or ID with the DMV, now have the opportunity to also register their decision to be a donor in the Donate Life California Registry, and the pink "DONOR" dot symbol is pre-printed on the applicant's driver license or ID card.

LOCAL/REGIONAL PARTICIPATING TRANSPLANT CENTERS

Transplant Center	Ht	Ht/Lg	Liv	Kid	KP	Int
<u>Arrowhead Regional Medical Center</u>				X		
<u>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</u>	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Children's Hospital Los Angeles</u>	X	X	X	X		
<u>Harbor-UCLA Medical Center</u>				X		
<u>Loma Linda University Medical Center</u>	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Riverside Community Hospital</u>				X	X	
<u>St. Bernardine Medical Center</u>				X		
<u>St. Joseph Hospital, Orange</u>				X		
<u>St. Mary Medical Center, Long Beach</u>				X		
<u>St. Vincent Medical Center</u>	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>UC Irvine Medical Center</u>			X	X	X	
<u>UCLA Medical Center</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>USC University Hospital</u>	X	X	X	X	X	
<u>Western Medical Center, Santa Ana</u>				X		