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October 10, 2013

Mr. Dan Renaud, Chief EB-5 Unit, USCIS Washington, D.C.

Dear Chief Renaud:

As Riverside County Executive Officer, I submit this letter in support of Continental Medical Plaza ("the Project"), and request that USCIS expeditiously process the identified investor petitions. As job creators, it is in the best interest of both the community and its constituents that the Project moves forward promptly.

The Project features a state of the art Class A Medical/Clinic Office Building and a Medical/Professional Mixed Use Office Building. The Project is located in Riverside County, a county that I have gratefully represented for the past 25 years. Further, the Project is ideally located between I-215 and I-15 freeways on Murrieta Hot Springs Road in Murrieta, CA. The Project is perfectly situated to accommodate the needs of staff and visitors to the new Loma Linda University Medical Center and serve the local community as well. The Project boasts many nearby amenities to its list of attributes along with its prime location. It is located directly across the street from the Rancho Springs Medical Center, a recently expanded Regional Hospital of 120 beds and a new Obstetrics Wing, which is part of the Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS) national chain of hospitals.

The Project generates both significant and positive economic benefits for the local economy. Specifically, the increased economic output associated with the Project tops \$20 million, and most importantly, the Project is projected to produce a countless number of jobs for both Riverside County and the U.S. as a whole.

Unfortunately, Riverside County suffers from high unemployment rates. According to Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, the 2011 unemployment data for the State of California, as provided by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department shows a 13.4% unemployment rate for the County of Riverside, which is where the Project is principally doing business. Therefore, the Project is vital to the stabilization of my community's economic future. It is for this reason that the Project must move forward as guickly as possible.

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Mayor Doug McAllister, City of Murrieta, said it best when he publically stated that the Continental Medical Plaza EB-5 venture should be the "poster child" of successful EB-5 investment.

In light of the many months that have past, and the number of jobs at stake, I respectfully request your urgent attention, and ask that you expedite the approval of the Project.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at 951-955-1103 or via e-mail at <u>jorr@rceo.org</u>. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jay E. Orr

County Executive Officer