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Good Afternoon Helene,

First, we would like to start off by extending our gratitude to the BSCC for awarding the San Francisco Adult Probation Department (SFAPD) the Proud Parenting Grant in 2016. Through this grant and in collaboration with our community partner, Community Works West, Inc. and the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, we created the Empowering Parents in the Community (EPIC) Program. We have administered the program for two years and have been able to offer services to many young parents and their families both in the community and in-custody.

However, the program has faced many challenges. Even after extensive troubleshooting, expanding eligibility and enhancing incentives, the program never got traction. Concerned, we reached out to you to review the circumstances and discuss next steps which included the possibility of a June 30, 2017 EPIC ramp down. At your encouragement, we agreed to explore if we could sustain EPIC in-custody only. We spoke with our community partner about this possibility, and then learned of additional EPIC program staff turnover; one of the very program challenges that has plagued this program from its onset.

Unfortunately, at this time, it is unrealistic to maintain EPIC. SFAPD sees greater TAY engagement opportunities through other focus areas including housing, employment, behavioral health, street violence prevention, prosocial activities and mentoring.

We have appreciated this partnership with the BSCC, and look forward to working with you under other projects in the future. We will complete all programming by June 30, 2017 and submit all necessary reports and paperwork to you within the given time frames. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Veronica Martinez at 415-553-9250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Lim".

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