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Re: *Reinstatement of Visitation Programs at the Adelanto Detention Center, the James Musick Facility, and the Santa Ana City Jail*

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your August 16, 2013, letter regarding the reinstatement of visitation programs at the Adelanto Detention Center, the James Musick Facility, and the Santa Ana City Jail. CIVIC is glad to hear that ICE is welcoming the resumption of CIVIC's affiliated visitation programs, Friends of Orange County Detainees and Friends of Adelanto Detainees.

By way of clarification, CIVIC's 28 affiliated visitation programs in 14 states are not managed or run by CIVIC. They are community initiated and primarily run by volunteers in the community. CIVIC provides resources, training, and on-going capacity building support to these independent programs. Each program operates differently because each community is unique. While CIVIC, through a collaborative process, has adopted priorities for this network of visitation programs, we understand that different programs may stress some priorities over others. Therefore, CIVIC encourages you to be in touch with Friends of Orange County Detainees as well as with Friends of Adelanto Detainees directly so that you may all discuss next steps with regards to these two communities' plans for moving forward in light of your August 16th letter.

While CIVIC appreciates your August 16th letter, the letter does not provide a reason for the suspensions or clearly state the rules under which the programs can resume operations. CIVIC, Friends of Orange County Detainees, and Friends of Adelanto Detainees have adhered to all of ICE's procedures and standards in the past. The August 16th letter mentions concerns regarding privacy protections, but CIVIC has—and would always—obtain a person in detention's permission before disclosing his or her private information to the public, ICE, or any other third party. If ICE would like us to obtain such permission following certain protocols not already in ICE's standards, CIVIC is certainly open to working out a process that adequately protects the privacy of people in detention.

As CIVIC supports more than just these two visitation groups in the Los Angeles area, we would like to set up a time to speak with Mr. Thomas Homan and Mr. Andrew Lorenzen-Strait to better understand why the visitation programs were suspended and work out a long-term pathway forward. Please let us know your availability to meet in the next two weeks.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to continuing to develop a strong working relationship with you and your contracted facilities.

Sincerely,

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Christina Fialho
Co-Founder/Executive Director, CIVIC

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