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BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

June 2, 2009

Mr. David B. Brearley
SELARC
2440 S. Hacienda Boulevard, Suite 223
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Dear Mr. Brearley:

On April 21, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger delegated the authority to the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to certify high unemployment areas that meet the qualifications for the Immigration Investor Program administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations section 204.6(e) defines a "high unemployment area" as one that has experienced an unemployment rate of at least 150% of the national average. The national average unemployment rate for 2008, as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 5.8%. The current unemployment data for the State of California, as provided by the Labor Market Information Division within the California Employment Development Department (EDD), confirms that the census tracts located in Congressional District 34, Los Angeles County, have an aggregate unemployment rate of 14.8% and is therefore a high unemployment area with an unemployment rate greater than 150 % of the national average.

Therefore, I hereby confirm that Congressional District 34, Los Angeles County, is a "high unemployment area" for the purposes of the Immigrant Investor Program.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Bonner
Secretary
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency