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Dr. Sunita Cooke, President MiraCosta College 1 Barnard Drive, #7 Oceanside, CA 92056 scooke@miracosta.edu

Re: ORDER TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE ONSITE TESTING

Dear Dr. Cooke,

An organization named "COVID Clinic" has been operating in your San Elijo Campus parking lot for several days. We asked this organization to provide proof that it has the necessary credentials and certifications required by State law in order to conduct the tests. The organization has failed to provide such proof. COVID Clinic has also failed to comply with the requirement of both the California Code of Regulations, and the Health Officer Order and Emergency Regulations, to submit test results to the Public Health Officer. Based on COVID Clinic's failure to provide proof that it is complying with State law despite numerous requests from the County, and after consultation with the California Department of Public Health, we have concerns that COVID Clinic's testing process is not complying with State law and therefore may not be producing reliable and verifiable results. Numerous people have paid for the tests at your campus and are presumably relying on the veracity of the tests. Public reliance on such test results, and the failure of COVID Clinic to report such tests, may exacerbate the spread of COVID-19, and due to the severity of the pandemic this places the public's health at risk.

Therefore pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 120175.5 (b), you are ordered to cease the operation of testing services by COVID Clinic on your campus, unless and until COVID Clinic is able to provide us with satisfactory evidence of compliance with State law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Date: April 15, 2020

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Public Health Officer County of San Diego

cc: Dr. Kristen Huyck

Robert Norcross, Police Chief