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## Re: Dr. Sonia Angell confirmation

Dear Senator Atkins,

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, offers its support for the confirmation of Dr. Sonia Angell as the State Public Health Officer & Director at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

CCLHO has worked closely with Dr. Angell in her capacity as the State Public Health Officer & Director of CDPH and values her leadership during crisis, such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Public Safety Power Shutoff events, and the recent wildfires. We will continue this close relationship and collaboration during her time as State Public Health Officer & Director, and know that we can also count on Dr. Angell to understand the needs of local jurisdictions and take the needs of our communities into account.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me by email at [karen.relucio@countyofnapa.org](mailto:karen.relucio@countyofnapa.org) or by phone at (707) 253-4566.

Sincerely,

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