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Dear Friends,

As the Chair of the Los Angeles City Council's Jobs & Business Development Committee, which oversees the City's Master Plan to End Poverty, it is my pleasure to offer my congratulations to Dr. Jay Grossman and his non-profit organization, "Homeless Not Toothless" on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the organization.

The mission of "Homeless Not Toothless" is simple yet profound – to provide free dental services to homeless residents of Los Angeles. The dental services provided to these homeless men and women protects them from dangerous diseases and infection as well as providing the clients with greater self-esteem and greater ability to function within society.

Since its inception in 1992, "Homeless Not Toothless" has provided over \$2,000,000 in service for the homeless. Today, there are nearly three-dozen dental offices participating in the greater Los Angeles area. The dentists and staff working with "Homeless Not Toothless" do so out of their own generosity and desire to give back to those less fortunate. The volunteers have contributed by giving their time, paying for laboratory expenses themselves and/or working with labs that donate dental work.

Ending poverty in our communities takes everyone – government, businesses and individuals committed to helping the least among us, and by doing so, improving the quality of life for all of us. I thank Dr. Jay Grossman for his commitment to Los Angeles and for using his dental skills to help those in need. And thank you also to all the dentists and staff who volunteer with "Homeless Not Toothless." Congratulations on your first 20 years and I wish you best of luck in the 20 years to come!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Alarcón".

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