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subject Re: Parents Coordinating Council, information on community life for former LDC clients

Dear Ms DeBell:

This is my latest, expanded version of my reply to your request. Please disregard my previous e-mail. I am happy to provide you with information on my daughter's life in her community facility. The information is based on my observations during my bi-weekly visits, discussions with facility's staff, and communications with Ms Charmiley Anders the facility's operator.

As you may know my daughter is blind, non-verbal and profoundly disabled. As such she requires extensive support in her daily needs and activities. This support is provided in a caring manner by two members of non-professional staff. Though my daughter shares the facility with two other disabled women ( of about the same age but more capable) each of the women has their own private room. The interaction among them appears to be friendly but not too close. The facility's atmosphere is peaceful. My daughter is always well groomed, appropriately dressed and appears to be quite happy and well adjusted to her environment.

My daughter's health needs seem to be well taken care-off. During a bout with colds and infections she was seen by a doctor. Twice during my visits I met a visiting nurse taking vital signs. Though my daughter is on a "soft-diet" she appears to be maintaining her weight. I am not too sure about her dental care.

The residents are exposed daily to various stimulating activities such as shopping, arts and crafts, help with daily chores, excursions to parks and beaches. They also went on overnight trips to Palm Springs and San Diego. Prior to these overnight trips Ms Anders sought and obtained mine and the other conservators permission.

The facility is kept in good shape and always meticulously clean.

To summarize I am quite satisfied that my daughter's needs are well taken care-off and that she appears to be happy and well adjusted to her community environment. The credit for this belongs to the facility's staff and in no small measure to Ms Anders.