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To Whom It May Concern:

As you know, the California Secretary of State authenticates documents for use outside of the United States. Many of your customers rely on the Secretary of State's regional offices for these services. Due to budgetary issues, the Secretary of State has decided to close down two of its office locations. The Fresno office closed to the public May 29, 2009, and the San Francisco office will close to the public on September 30, 2009.

The decision to close these offices will obviously have an impact on Californians in those areas. California's budget problems have required every public agency to reduce spending and look for more efficient ways of operating. One way the Secretary of State's office can do this is to consolidate its processes. After a careful review, the decision was made to close the Fresno and San Francisco offices, though the decision to close these offices was not reached quickly or easily.

For authentication services, customers may continue to mail documents to our Sacramento office or they can visit our Sacramento, Los Angeles or San Diego offices. To find a complete list of available services and public counter locations, please visit us online at www.sos.ca.gov, Business Programs, Contact Information Page or the Regional Offices Page. Please note that the regional offices only process over-the-counter (drop off) documents. The mailing address and office locations are as follows:

Sacramento

Notary Public Section
1500 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-3595

Los Angeles

300 South Spring Street, Room 12513
Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 897-3062

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San Diego

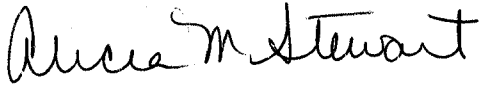
1350 Front Street, Suite 2060
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 525-4113

Authentication documents can be hand delivered to any office location for over-the-counter (drop-off) processing between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) or mailed to

the Sacramento office. When submitting documents to any of our offices for over-the-counter (drop-off) processing, no appointment is necessary. Customers are served on a first come, first serve basis. Authentication documents submitted for over-the-counter processing in the Sacramento office are normally processed within one hour, however documents submitted for over-the-counter (drop-off) processing in the Los Angeles or San Diego offices may require additional processing time. The average processing time for documents submitted by mail is approximately two weeks.

Thank you for your patience as the office works through these difficult times. I know I speak for everyone in the agency when I say we look forward to serving your customers on the web, by mail, or in person in our Sacramento, Los Angeles or San Diego offices. Please contact me at (916) 653-3305 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia M. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "S".

Alicia M. Stewart, Manager
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