



CITY OF ORANGE

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June 18, 2021

Ms. Gloria Suess, President / CEO
Mary's Kitchen
517 W. Struck Ave., Orange, CA 92867

RE: Termination of License Agreement AGR-2059.D dated June 11, 2019

Dear Gloria,

This letter serves as written notice to Mary's Kitchen that effective ninety (90) days from the date of this letter; the City hereby is terminating AGR-2059.D dated June 11, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 15. Termination of the agreement, the City is required to give thirty (30) days written notice to Mary's Kitchen. In an effort to allow Mary's Kitchen time to disassemble and vacate the site, the City is providing ninety (90) days notice to surrender the premises. Pursuant to the agreement, Mary's Kitchen shall remove any and all property belonging to Mary's Kitchen by September 18, 2021.

As you are aware, the State, County and City have spent significant resources and efforts over the past few years to enhance and provide services to those that are homeless and those that need help managing barriers. The City has been a leader in Orange County for its commitment to supporting regional efforts to provide a continuum of care to those in need. Throughout the years, Mary's Kitchen has a long history of service and has been an excellent community partner with the City of Orange. While Mary's Kitchen should be commended for their sincere passion for helping others, its operations and its mission supporting, "*Those who do not care to improve their standards of living will be provided food and personal care support. That is our Mission.*" only serves to enable homelessness and can no longer be supported by the City.

Like you, we too have certainly seen a change in clientele over the last few years, making the site an attractive nuisance, with an increase in crime and calls for service from the Orange Police Department. As we have expressed many times previously, this increase has created an unreasonable demand on City services that can no longer be sustained. Additionally, the recent approval by the City of an affordable housing project immediately adjacent to the site renders Mary's Kitchen incompatible with this new use, designed to help progress those in need through the regional continuum of care process.

Please provide a plan within the next two weeks that outlines the procedures for surrendering the premises. We are happy to meet to discuss logistics and offer support

where feasible. Please contact Bonnie Hagan at 714-744-7264 or bhagan@cityoforange.org.

Best regards,



Rick Otto
City Manager

CC: Gary Sheatz, City Attorney
Bonnie Hagan, Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director

Attachment: License Agreement AGR-2059.D