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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 92nd ANNUAL CAPITOL TREE LIGHTING – REQUEST FOR ORNAMENTS

For more than two decades, individuals who have a developmental disability have created ornaments used to decorate the Christmas tree at the State Capitol. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has been asked again to participate in the official State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony, and we are requesting ornaments from the community.

As in previous years, a child with a developmental disability will participate in an evening ceremony with Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. The tree lighting ceremony will take place the first week of December.

We encourage regional centers to work with their communities to create and send ornaments to be included on the tree this year. All ornaments must be received at DDS headquarters by Thursday, November 16, 2023. Enclosed are guidelines and suggestions for ornaments and a shipping form that must be included with ornaments.

If you have questions, please contact Amy Wall at (916) 869-8833 or amy.wall@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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