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THE LGBTQ CENTER OF LONG BEACH STATEMENT REGARDING SECOND DEATH AT WEST HOLLYWOOD RESIDENT ED BUCK'S HOME:

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach is both saddened and deeply concerned about the January 7, 2019 death of Timothy Dean at the residence of Ed Buck.

As this is the second death attributed to controlled substances to occur at Mr. Buck's residence in less than two years, this raises serious concerns for the LGBTQ community as it relates to our public health and safety.

The Center strongly encourages West Hollywood City Council to exercise oversight to the fullest extent of the law as it relates to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's investigation. Further, we encourage West Hollywood's leadership, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey to ensure the LGBTQ community is regularly informed of updates related to their overall safety in the community of West Hollywood in light of the serious allegations noted in the media after the death of Gemmel Moore in 2017 at Mr. Buck's residence.

The Center has a vested interest in ensuring the health, safety, and equity of all members of the LGBTQ community. It is our hope that justice will be served in best interest of the LGBTQ community, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Moore's family and loved ones.