



April 18, 2014

Marie Brown-Mercadel  
Deputy Director  
Health and Human Services Agency  
East and North Central Regions  
County of San Diego

Dear Mrs. Brown-Mercadel,

We are pleased to partner with the County of San Diego as a *Live Well San Diego* partner. Our restaurant strongly believes in the *Live Well San Diego* initiative and we will continue to promote positive, healthy choices to our customers and the community at large.

*Live Well San Diego* involves partners from a variety of sectors such as government, business, schools, faith-based and community organizations to support a shared purpose. Working together allows for planning and implementation of innovative and sustainable projects to bring *Live Well San Diego's* vision of a healthy, safe and thriving San Diego County to life. Terra American Bistro fully embraces the ideals of the *Live Well San Diego* initiative as we continue to align our services for our customers and the community at large.

In addition to serving local and sustainable food for our customers to enjoy, Terra American Bistro has worked in the community providing a knife skills training for the Lemon Grove School District kitchen staff to ensure that they are properly trained to prepare fresh foods for their students. We have worked to encourage more comprehensive nutrition education in local schools and piloted a project called "From the Ground Up" at Central Elementary in the San Diego Unified School District, a potential model school and pilot program for the entire County. We also work closely with similar local restaurants to develop a culinary training program for school food services departments.

Terra American Bistro will continue to serve local, sustainable and organic foods to our customers in the San Diego area. To further our commitment to healthy living, we agree to become a San Diego County Farm Bureau "San Diego Grown 365 Retail Market." As a *Live Well San Diego* Recognized Partner, we will continue to participate in HEAL Zone community action plan goals in Lemon Grove, and work to expand garden-to-cafeteria options for school meals. Furthermore, we will work with school districts to incorporate Harvest of the Month into the lunchrooms and after-school curriculum and participate in kitchen physical capacity assessments of equipment, labor and staffing processes in school food service departments. To ensure a county-wide reach, I will become a County of San Diego Temporary Expert Professional developing a scratch cooking video training series for school food services and provide additional consulting where appropriate.

Thank you again for recognizing Terra American Bistro as a *Live Well San Diego* partner for the work we have done over the years to promote healthy food systems throughout our community.

Sincerely,



Jeff Rossman  
Owner/Executive Chef