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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS

FROM: THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL 
SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Designation of Anarchist Jurisdictions

On September 2, 2020, a Presidential Memorandum was issued entitled *Memorandum on Reviewing Funding to State and Local Government Recipients That Are Permitting Anarchy, Violence, and Destruction in American Cities* ("September 2 Memorandum"). The September 2 Memorandum required the Attorney General to designate certain state and local jurisdictions as "anarchist" and instructed federal agencies to restrict the flow of federal funds to them. In response, on September 21, 2020, the Department of Justice issued a press release (Press Release Number 20-966) identifying three cities as qualifying jurisdictions: New York City; Portland, Oregon; and Seattle, Washington.

On February 24, 2021, the President issued an Executive Order entitled *Executive Order on the Revocation of Certain Presidential Actions*, which revoked the September 2, 2020 Memorandum. Accordingly, the September 21, 2020, Department of Justice designation is hereby also withdrawn. All Department grantmaking components shall ensure that the September 2 Memorandum and September 21, 2020 Department of Justice designation are removed as considerations in any grant solicitations or award determinations. All Department components are directed to take any other steps necessary to effectuate the revocation of the September 2 Memorandum and to ensure that no state or local jurisdictions are disfavored in any Departmental programs on the basis of either the revoked memorandum or the withdrawn designation.