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County of Los Angeles
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Re: Community Hospital of Long Beach – Closure Processes and Notification

Dear Ms. Yamashiro and Ms. Cidester:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to express the City's desire for existing hospital services at Community Hospital of Long Beach (Community Hospital) to be maintained for as long as State and county laws and regulations allow, and as required per noticing timeframes and procedures.

Long Beach understands the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is currently overseeing the wind down of operations at Community Hospital by MemorialCare Community Medical Center Long Beach (MemorialCare), and is working with MemorialCare to ensure compliance with State statutes, including:

- Health and Safety Code, Section 1255.1
- Health and Safety Code, Section 1255.25
- Health and Safety Code Section 1300(b)

While MemorialCare is the current lessee at the property known as Community Hospital, which is owned by the City, the City recognizes the legal authority on matters related to hospital licensure and operations does not extend beyond that of a landlord-lessee relationship. As such, the City has been working with MemorialCare and has sent several letters regarding the wind down of operations (attached for your information).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-6506 or diana.tang@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,

PATRICK H. WEST
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Charles Parkin, City Attorney
John Bishop, MemorialCare, Chief Executive Officer