



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 2591 (O'Donnell): Acute Care Hospitals: Seismic Safety

Dear Assemblyman O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for introducing Assembly Bill 2591 (O'Donnell). Long Beach looks forward to working with you to extend the deadline for meeting State seismic compliance requirements for existing hospital operations, inclusive of the eight basic services and psychiatric care at Community Hospital of Long Beach (Community Hospital). The City is requesting this extension to enable acute and psychiatric care to continue while a long-term solution for seismic compliance at this hospital is identified and implemented.

Community Hospital is a 158-licensed bed, general acute care and psychiatric care hospital located at 1720 Termino Avenue in Long Beach. The facility is a valued component of our City's urban and suburban fabric. Long Beach understands that to be a hospital in California means to have a duly constituted governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized medical staff that provides 24-hour inpatient care, inclusive of eight basic services: medical, nursing, surgical, anesthesia, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy and dietary services. Community Hospital currently meets these basic requirements and provides psychiatric care services.

As you know, Long Beach residents have made it clear they would like to see the doors of Community Hospital remain open. Likewise, the City is highly interested in identifying a viable solution that allows us to maintain co-located acute and psychiatric care facility in Long Beach while also meeting State seismic requirements for hospitals.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to sponsor and support AB 2591 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District
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