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Melissa Adrouny, MD/MBA
Ob/gyn
11/18/24

San Jose City Council
City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site on Certain Real Property Located at 2333 and 2425 Samaritan Drive.

I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As a physician with 8 years of experience in this facility. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

I have had the good fortune of growing up in Los Gatos my entire life. My father, Richard Adrouny, was a well respected oncologist in the community for 30 years and was proud to care for his patient at Good Samaritan Hospital. I have fond memories of tagging along with him to make rounds on weekends and have attended many community events that have been held over the years.

The positive impact of the services that Good Samaritan Hospital provides to patients cannot be stated enough and if this project is not approved, it stands to impact several patients and residents in a negative way by taking away critical service lines from our community.

The proposed retrofitting aligns with state requirements aimed at enhancing the safety and structural integrity of healthcare facilities, ensuring that we meet mandated standards.

I strongly urge you to approve this proposal. By doing so, we not only comply with state requirements but ensure the hospital remains operational for the residents of San Jose.

Thank you for your commitment to the residents of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Melissa Adrouny, MD/MBA

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, and San Jose City Council:

Please find a letter from the Rescue Our Medical Care Campaign and partners, attached, regarding item 10.2 on tomorrow's City Council agenda.

Best,

Darcie Green



Darcie Green

Executive Director

She/Her/Ella



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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

City of San Jose

200 East Santa Clara Street

San Jose, CA 95113

Sent via electronic mail

RE: Our community is in a mental health crisis - The City of San Jose and must prevent the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) from making it worse. We must hold HCA accountable before Approving any of HCA's Proposals for Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

We are asking for the creation of a Patient Protection Fund from HCA Healthcare to show their commitment to equitable healthcare services. HCA Healthcare needs to meet with community members and City Councilmembers to negotiate the Patient Protection Fund that will **restore acute psychiatric beds at Good Samaritan Hospital and will provide funds to restore any future services being divested from.** The Patient Protection Fund must also **have community oversight for how it is spent.**

As it currently stands, the Planning Commission rejected HCA's plans at Good Samaritan hospital because of their systematic divestment from communities across San Jose. By creating a fund with community oversight, HCA can prove that they will be good actors for the City moving forward.



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The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on:

- **Adoption or amendment of the General Plan and specific and redevelopment plans for the future physical development of the City;**
- Adoption or amendment of land use and redevelopment regulations, including zoning and subdivision;
- Adoption of the Capital Improvement Program; and,
- Other duties as provided by the City Council.

We requested that the Planning Commissioners review the following Sections of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan and have HCA respond to the following before the Commission makes any recommendations to the City:

Chapter 4, page 42, Health Care - Good access to quality medical services is an important resource for San José residents, advancing the Vision and the Healthful Community City Design Concept. The provision of quality medical care to the San José community furthers the Healthful Neighborhoods, Innovative Economy, Quality Education & Services, and Diversity & Social Equity Vision Elements. Access to medical services via public transportation is critical to promote equity and also furthers the Interconnected City and Environmental Leadership Vision Elements. While the City does not provide health care services, a healthful community has a higher quality of life and is more productive, therefore, facilitating the provision of health care services is an important goal for the City. The goals, policies, and actions in this section support the development of health care facilities and services for all in the San José community.

Chapter 4, page 42, Goal ES-6 – Access to Medical Services - Provide for the health care needs of all members of the San José community.

Policies – Access to Medical Services – Provide for the health care needs of all members of the San Jose community.



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Chapter 4, page 42, Section ES-6.1 - Facilitate the development of new and promote the preservation and enhancement of existing health care facilities that meet all the needs of the entire San José community.

HCA's model of health care services does not meet the needs of the San Jose community. HCA has a pattern of divesting in specific underserved areas in San Jose. HCA divested in San Jose Hospital and eventually closed the hospital.

About 4 years ago, HCA closed the maternity care services at Regional Hospital and at the beginning of 2024, proposed closing the trauma center and related services by August 2024. HCA is currently divesting from Regional Hospital and selling it to Santa Clara County.

In 2023, HCA closed the mental health services and pediatric intensive care services at Good Samaritan Hospital. How long will it be before HCA leaves Good Samaritan Hospital and, again, disrupt the Santa Clara County Healthcare System?

Chapter 4, pages 42-43, Section ES-6.2 - Maintain and update the Envision General Plan Land Use Transportation / Diagram as necessary to provide sufficient opportunities for hospitals and medical care facilities to locate in San José. Consider locating health care and medical service facilities, including hospitals, in residential, commercial, Urban Village, mixed use, Downtown, Transit Employment Center, Combined Industrial/Commercial, Industrial Park, and Public/Quasi-Public designations.

Compare how many hospitals are in the East Side Santa Clara County area and those in the West Side Santa Clara County area. There is only one hospital in the East Side while there are at least 6 hospitals in the West Side Santa Clara County.

Chapter 4, page 43, Section ES – 6.3 - Recognizing that healthcare is a regional issue that crosses jurisdictional boundaries, work with the County, non-profits, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure that adequate, affordable health care facilities are available for all San José residents.

Per this section of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, we are requesting that the



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City of San Jose work with Santa Clara County, our group of non-profit organizations, and HCA to ensure that adequate, affordable health care facilities are available for all San Jose residents.

Chapter 4, page 43, Section ES – 6.6 – Encourage the location of health care facilities and hospitals in areas that are underserved and lack health care facilities.

This Section asks the Planning Commission and the City to consider the location of health care facilities and hospitals in areas that are underserved and lack health care facilities. HCA has done exactly the opposite and is divesting from Regional Hospital.

Chapter 4, page 43, Section ES – 6.7 – Discourage health care facilities or hospitals in areas where their operations can have adverse impacts on surrounding uses or where surrounding uses can have adverse impacts on health care facility patients, workers, or visitors.

HCA's operations have clearly impacted patients, workers, and the surrounding communities both at Regional and Good Samaritan Hospitals. HCA's proposals should be denied or delayed until they provide the Commission, the City, indirectly, the community with what services will be available to the community, based on HCA's proposed changes to the current hospital infrastructure. What other services are they planning to cut as part of their new design?

Chapter 4, page 43, Section ES – 6.10 – Encourage potential hospital facilities to consider the impacts of a new facility on existing hospitals' service areas, demands, and capacities.

HCA clearly does not care that they damaged the reputation of Regional Hospital and that they have disrupted the Santa Clara County Healthcare System by having the



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County pick up the costs of running Regional Hospital and adversely impacting other capital projects and service improvements that the County had planned to pursue, including a Latinx Health and Wellness Center in East Side San Jose. HCA invests in hospitals to make money for their shareholders regardless of healthcare services needed in the community.

Chapter 4, page 43, Section ES – 6.12 – Consider strategies and incentives to attract hospitals and other health care and medical service facilities to areas of San Jose where a demand for those services is demonstrated in analysis prepared by county, state, or professional consultants.

For these reasons, we ask that the San Jose City Council hold HCA accountable and insist that HCA engage in a good faith conversation with the community about the restoration of critical mental health services. A patient protection fund can protect our community from some of the harmful impacts of HCA's pattern of divestment and service closure, ensuring that we do not make the mental health crisis in our community worse.

Sincerely,

David K. Mineta

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Hi,

Please consider restoring the much needed mental health services and beds at the hospital. The Santa Clara Valley is going through an unbelievably hard times now, with more help needed for individuals suffering from mental challenges.

These beds are much needed and can make a huge difference in the life's of many patients and their families.

Thank you,

Buff Smith

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Dear Mayor Mahan, Members of the Council, and Fellow Citizens :

HCA (Hospital Corporation of America) is a parasite and bad player in our community. We would be best served if they would leave our community. We certainly don't want them expanding.

I first encountered HCA about 20 years ago when they closed our downtown hospital, San Jose Hospital. They did not respond to our community concerns and generally did not make a good impression.

A year and a half ago they stated their intent to close Mission Oaks Psychiatric Hospital. We were in a mental health crisis. We were desperately short of psychiatric beds. Mission Oaks was more than a number of beds. It was an excellent facility. My daughter was hospitalized there. Both she and I had a positive evaluation of the facility and particularly the staff. (Both of us had negative evaluations of San Jose Behavioral Health and Fremont Hospital.) So I became involved. HCA and Good Samaritan Hospital were completely unresponsive. I couldn't get answers to the most basic questions. At the NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) protest, a security guard was so obnoxious that I considered risking arrest just to give him a hard time. A member of the protest went to the door to use the restroom. She was refused entrance.

I called various numbers and was unable to get answers to the most basic questions. I googled HCA and got a whole lot of very interesting articles. Most of the articles were of two types: There were glowing articles about HCA success on Wall Street. Then there were articles about HCA's failures in the communities in which their hospitals were located. There were reports of dirty surgical instruments and roaches in operating rooms. There were stories of staff reductions and reduced coverage in hospitals which HCA took over. There were surveys which showed that the national HCA nurse/patient and staff/patient ratios were significantly under the national average. There was a report of the ratios at Good Samaritan Hospital being not only below the national average, but also being below California legal guidelines.

Recently HCA cut services at Regional Medical Center causing our magnificent county government to buy that hospital to maintain the services our community needs.

HCA is a parasite which uses our community's health problems to generate profits. They seem to have no interest in our community's well-being. They are a bad player who we don't need in our community.

If they claim a change of heart, we would need to see significant evidence, El Camino Hospital has 36 psychiatric beds. Planning for 36 psychiatric beds in their huge expansion would seem like the minimum evidence we would need to expect. If they really want to show a change of heart, they should plan for two or three times that.

This is our community. There is no reason to allow bad players to expand.

Thank you.


Sincerely,

Forrest Nixon

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Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Members of the Council:

Please find attached the San Jose Chamber of Commerce's letter of support for item 10.2: Good Samaritan Hospital rezoning application. Thank you for the consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,
Kat



Kat Angelov

Policy Manager
San Jose Chamber of Commerce

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**San Jose
Chamber of Commerce**

November 18, 2024

City of San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Mahan and Honorable Councilmembers,

On behalf of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to submit this letter in **support of the proposed Good Samaritan Hospital rezoning application.**

Good Samaritan is mandated to redevelop their site in order to comply with the State's seismic safety laws. Since beginning its extensive entitlement process in 2022, the project has met all requirements, including community outreach and coordination with its District 9 elected representative, Councilmember Foley's office.

Additionally:

- This \$1.2BN project will provide approximately 1,000 construction jobs and further increase tax revenue to the city over the next six years of build time.
- The project does not require any investment of public dollars and is fully funded by HCA.
- Good Samaritan is an economic engine for the city, providing nearly 2,000 jobs and significant tax contributions. Putting these jobs at risk due to delays would bring significant risk to their existing workforce and local economy.

The San Jose Chamber of Commerce appreciates and understands the concerns regarding access to quality healthcare services across every part of our community. We encourage HCA and all hospitals to join a broader conversation with the County and community about the current and future needs of serving our residents and workforce. As funding and the complexities of providing health care shifts, the needs affect us all.

Good Samaritan is a critically important hospital and well known for the care of its patients. Their fully compliant rezoning application will enable the hospital to not only comply with state law but continue serving residents and community members for generations to come. The San Jose Chamber of Commerce urges your support and respectfully requests there are no delays of the project.

Sincerely,



Leah Toeniskoetter
President & CEO, San Jose Chamber of Commerce



FW: Letter from the Behavioral Health Contractors' Association regarding 11-19-24 Agenda Item 10.2

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Attached please find a letter from the Behavioral Health Contractors' Association (BHCA) regarding item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital on the 11-19-24 Council agenda.

Elisa

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Sent via electronic mail

November 18, 2024

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

In early 2022, Santa Clara County adopted a resolution declaring mental health and substance abuse a public health crisis in Santa Clara County. Since that time, nonprofit providers have been part of a comprehensive response to address the mental health and substance use treatment needs of County residents. Together with the County, local cities, and private providers we have worked to strengthen and expand our continuum of care that is an essential element for vulnerable residents to get the right care for their needs. At the same time that so many people and organizations have been working to expand the continuum of care, HCA has undertaken efforts that do the opposite.

Patients with the most acute needs require hospitalization in order to stabilize and be able to take advantage of community based care. Too often Santa Clara county residents were having to go to other jurisdictions -- far from their families and support networks -- to find acute care due to insufficient treatment options. HCA added to this difficult situation by closing Good Samaritan Hospital's 18 inpatient beds.

HCA's actions have also contributed to the worsening of our community's mental health. Constant worry about potential health problems and the inability to seek treatment can lead to high levels of stress and anxiety. Feeling overwhelmed by a lack of control over one's health, coupled with the inability to address physical symptoms, can contribute to depressive symptoms.

Item 10.2 on the agenda offers the City Council the opportunity to do it's part toward addressing the behavioral health emergency and hold HCA accountable to start addressing rather than exacerbating the emergency.

HCA needs to join all of us to strengthen the continuum of care - not deplete it.

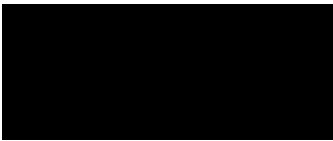
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- HealthRight 360
- Hope Services
- Horizon Services
- Indian Health Center
- Mekong Community Center
- Mental Health Advocacy Project
- Momentum for Health
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Pacific Clinics
- Pathway Society
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The creation of a Patient Protection Fund from HCA Healthcare would show their commitment to equitable healthcare services. HCA Healthcare needs to meet with community members and City Councilmembers to negotiate the Patient Protection Fund that will support the restoration of acute psychiatric beds and will provide funds to restore any future services being divested from. The Patient Protection Fund must also have community oversight for how it is spent.

The Behavioral Health Contractors' Association (BHCA) urges you to follow the Planning Commission's lead and reject HCA's current plans at Good Samaritan hospital because of their systematic divestment from communities across San Jose while providing a venue for HCA to prove their commitment to being part of the solution through a community patient protection fund.

Sincerely,



Elisa Koff-Ginsborg
Executive Director