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Comment for items on the Agenda: Rules Comittee Meeting 11/06/24

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Item 2: Review November 19, 2024 Draft Agenda

Hello Chair Cohen and Honorable City Councilmembers,

My name is Rosie Zepeda and I am a resident of District 9 with the 'Rescue our Medical Care' campaign. I am speaking in support today to defer the zoning change for Good Samaritan Hospital. Deferring this item will allow city staff to further evaluate the violations of the general plan and the community can be engaged to determine a solution that keeps Hospital Corporation of America, Good Samaritan's parent company, accountable.

HCA has a history of taking away vital services from low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. Downgrading the Trauma, Stroke, and Heart attack services Regional Medical Center in August of 2024.

On Saturday, October 26, my 95-year-old Mexican-American, illiterate, grandmother, suffered a massive stroke and was taken to Regional Medical Center's Emergency. She suffered further trauma due to the breathing tube administered by staff. When I went to visit her in the ICU, I was taken aback by the third-world conditions - ONE person posted at a makeshift computer station to deal with checking in, nametags, and questions, even though the emergency room was full. The area was dirty and grimm. When I finally received my nametag I walked to the ICU in hallways completely devoid of hospital staff.

Not healed yet and not yet fully conscious, she was taken out of ICU to the downgraded Trauma ward where there was no assigned nurse to her. Again, with a full ward, it was nearly empty of staff. My grandmother's left hand had been restrained and the material they used looked old and like it had been used on someone else. I brought this up, and I was assured it was fine. I questioned why her entire lower arm was severely bruised red, when it was fine in the ICU. She also did not have an assigned nurse.

Last week, in the middle of the night, she pulled all of her tubes off her nose and soon we were having a conversation about whether she would need to go into surgery in order to implant a feeding contraption. None of this would have happened if Regional's Trauma center had not been gutted, and HCA actually focused on providing patient care.

Please support deferring this item to enable proper conversations with community members and in-depth staff analysis.

Regards,

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FW: Item 2: Review November 19, 2024 deferral request Draft Agenda Good Samaritan

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Hello Chair Cohen and Honorable City Council members:

Please defer vote on HCA so -all- can properly prepare.

This is a complex issue and you are in a unique position to make headway.

The San Jose general plan as it pertains to healthcare and hospitals is of high importance to San Jose and surrounding communities Many services offered by Good Samaritan cross city boundaries. Cutting services creates a chain reaction.

HCA is watching closely as one would expect. Will San Jose help fix a series of lost services due to for-profit goals after Good Sam was made a for-profit? Each time, when profit centers increase and break-even services are all that is left, our taxes spent on healthcare increases.

-aiding HCA's huge stripping off of dollars -

We need San Jose to work at getting essential services back to levels needed for our entire valley's demographics.

I am an owner in district 9. I am active in NAMI and I am on the NAMI board focused on improving / fixing a broken mental health system.

Please be part of the solution - !

I am writing this today representing myself. I have a high level of mental health services knowledge and understand weakness in the current system.

The loss of beds from Good Samaritan was a huge hit within a system that needed more not less acute level beds at the time and NOW.

In mental health there are various levels and types of beds. Think of this as people place purpose. The loss of those acute hospital beds was a big hit. I cannot describe clear enough in a short time how big a deal this was. Keep in mind there are some new laws coming into action in San Jose and our County that will increase the need for beds.

My name is Karen Deloumi.

Again - I am a property owner of District 9. I am an active NAMI board member sending you this as an individual. (National Alliance for Mental Illness)

Providing mental health services are as complex as the different illnesses, and so is the necessary service structure.

A gap at any level of services is a weak link. It inhibits building a system that can make change happen.

Loss of the Acute behavioral health beds closed by HCA was a large hit suffered by all in Santa Clara county. This took place early on, during a formally declared mental health crisis in our county approximately; approximately 1O months prior to HCA announcing the closure.

Yes, California laws need to fix and update essential services and much else. That will take time. Other changes also need to be made.

- Today on this issue, -you- can do something regarding stripped services.

You have the leverage to help rectify a long history of a bad actor in our Valley as they close important services and strip profits. They are not good players in the community. Now they need something.

Please do not be fooled when you see their slide that shows charity to the community. That is basically the write-offs that are common to the industry. It is not true charity. It is required by law related to emergency care. It is also riding off of bad debts, unpaid bills that sometimes are bills that were never sent out and can no longer be collected due to the length of time.

You have an opportunity.

HCA are going to tell you this is simple and just a land use issue. They're going to try to make it appear that retribution by a specific community is behind this.

Well I'm here as someone in D9. I was not part of San Jose Regional protests.

I'm also here as someone with a loved one with a serious mental illness. I won't even start with some of the horror stories of what happens.

HCA for example in the last year, a for-profit, doesn't want to deal with someone with mental health issues.
In this real example, they had a doctor check them out using telemedicine in an ER. They were in bad shape. They deemed my loved one releasable. You can't imagine what it's like to hear the doctor say well you can come pick them up and take them to another hospital. They also said, we don't have a place to call to hold him and and wait for an ambulance. A week later my loved one went to another emergency room and was held for quite a while. A lot could have happened to this person being some of the things that take place. It was a clear dumping situation.

I could tell the resident I was talking to on the phone completely understood but there was nothing he could do once the virtual psychiatrist decided to basically dump my loved one hoping they would be picked up and brought someplace else. No words can describe how disgusting this is. My loved one was escorted there to top it off.

- the mental health services they discontinued affect the entire valley already in crisis - and they will continue to do so as they see fit.

I am not looking to stop the project. I am looking for full consideration of facts for this complex issue.

We have a shortage of acute level in hospital beds! HCA made the problem worse.

Loved ones get sent as far as Concord at times before beds were cut. They also sit in emergency services waiting for beds today, due to the unmet need.

I can't emphasize this more! HCA set closing of behavioral health in motion before declaring closure. I have witnessed this first hand working with my loved one.

HCA closed the beds after slowly killing the services by offering less that going rate for salaries. HCA will lead you to believe they couldn't get quality people. The truth is they slowly killed it on purpose. When Good Samaritan was a not-for-profit many people raved about the services they provided.

There are plenty of examples of Good Samaritan services not at the standard one would expect. There own nurses just protests. HCA will tell you differently. Don't believe them.

Profitable services are well taken care of. Stripped off services that were once services provided to our entire community now put additional pressure on health services that are in short supply.

HCA is not a community player. Now they want something from you. We need to protect our community services.

Remember, HCA is focused on profit not on people. This would be a non-issue if they indeed integrated into our community. They do not unless there's profit involved.

Regarding mental health, stigma and fear of discussion slows knowledge building even further. Many are uncomfortable with the topic. For many it's a health area you get thrown into.

It can take years to understand it in depth. Medical, while also complex, people are more comfortable discussing and diving in to the details.

I am asking for a small amount of time so everyone can come up to speed.

Please do not brush off this topic. All need time including the City Council.

Do support deferring this item to enable proper conversations with community members and in-depth staff analysis.

Sincerely,

Karen

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RULES COMMITTEE: Item 2: Review November 19, 2024 Draft Agenda. NAMI Formal Support

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NAMI Santa Clara County
Official Letter of Support for Deferral

Hello Chair Cohen and Honorable City Council members,

Please accept this letter as formal support from the National Alliance for Mental Illness in Santa Clara County, (NAMI Santa Clara County,) to defer the Good Samaritan agenda item coming before the San Jose City Council, currently scheduled for Tuesday November 19, 2024.

This is to allow all involved enough time to prepare for this highly complex and important topic.

This is a life and death issue. It is not a simple land use issue. This is about the quality of medical care in the city of San Jose and in Santa Clara county.

Again, your understanding of this issue will effect the quality of medical care and the quality of life for years to come.

To say it clearly, your vote carries significant consequences.

Please cast your vote as a wise and well informed elected official and public servant.

I ask you to please defer this agenda item.

Sincerely,

NAMI Santa Clara County Board

For questions and clarification call Frank Aliotto at [redacted]

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Letter RE: Good Samaritan Hospital project

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1 attachments (74 KB)
Letter for Rules Comm - Good Samaritan Hospital(18139832.1).pdf;

Honorable Members of the Rules Committee:

Please find the attached letter regarding concerns about deferring the Good Samaritan Hospital project from consideration at the November 19, 2024 City Council meeting. This letter is organized in five sections. Section 1 provides background on the Project. Section 2 summarizes the public outreach. Section 3 explains why the Project is consistent with the General Plan. Section 4 explains why the decision on the Project cannot be based on the Unrelated Facilities, and Section 5 is the conclusion.

If you have any questions about this letter and our position, please contact me at [redacted] Our position is that there should be no deferral of the Good Samaritan Hospital Planned Development Rezoning PDC22-132 & ER23041.

Regards,
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November 5, 2024

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Re: Good Samaritan Hospital Project - 2425 Samaritan Drive and 2333 Samaritan Place (PDC22-132 & ER23-041)

Dear Chair Cohen and Honorable Committee Members:

We write on behalf of our client, Good Samaritan Hospital L.P. ("Good Samaritan"), which applied for a rezoning ("Project") of its existing hospital campus located at 2425 Samaritan Drive and 2333 Samaritan Place ("Property") in the City of San José ("City") to allow for state-required seismic upgrades and modernization, including complying with the Americans with Disability Act. On October 23, 2024, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council deny the Project, and on October 31, 2024, Councilmember Ortiz recommended deferring Project consideration to allow time for "more engagement with relevant stakeholders, including patients and local residents."

As discussed below, the Planning Commission's and Councilmember Ortiz's recommendations are not based on the merits of the Project or Good Samaritan's community outreach. Instead, these recommendations are based on animosity towards Good Samaritan's owner, HCA Healthcare, over actions at Regional Medical Center and the Mission Oaks Campus ("Unrelated Facilities"). We urge the Committee to recommend that the City Council consider the Project in November, as planned, to allow Good Samaritan time to accomplish the state required upgrades so it can continue providing acute care in the area.

This letter is organized in five sections. Section 1 provides background on the Project. Section 2 summarizes the public outreach. Section 3 explains why the Project is consistent with the General Plan. Section 4 explains why the decision on the Project cannot be based on the Unrelated Facilities, and Section 5 is a conclusion.

1. The Project Allows Good Samaritan To Continue Providing Needed Acute Care Services

Good Samaritan has a long history as a community partner, having served the City and surrounding areas since 1965. To continue its existing operations, Good Samaritan must seismically upgrade its hospital by January 1, 2030, to meet the requirements of Senate Bill

("SB") 1953 (codified as California Health and Safety Code §§ 130000 *et seq*.). Failure to meet this deadline will result in Good Samaritan closing.

The Project will not only bring Good Samaritan into conformance with SB 1953, but also will modernize the hospital to allow patient rooms to fit modern medical equipment, comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and upgrade the central utility plan to meet current medical demands. The Project will be constructed in three phases to ensure no disruption in providing critical services. The most critical of the phases is Phase 1, which is necessary to meet SB 1953 and includes demolishing the existing bed tower to construct a new Structural Performance Category (SPC) 5-rated hospital wing. Because Phase 1 of the Project is expected to take approximately 5.8 years, there is no time to delay. (Good Samaritan Project Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR"), pp. ES-1–ES-2.)

2. Good Samaritan And The City Conducted Community Outreach

Councilmember Ortiz suggested that the Project required more community outreach. The City has offered multiple opportunities for the public to comment on the Project, including two meetings in 2022 and a public scoping meeting. In addition, the public had an opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation and the Draft EIR, which the City circulated for 46 days specifically to solicit public feedback. Tellingly, the City received only seven comments on the Draft EIR, with none from Good Samaritan's immediate neighbors.

Other than delaying the Project, which is an effective denial due to the deadline imposed by SB 1953, it is unclear why Councilmember Ortiz wants more community outreach. Almost no commenter at the Planning Commission hearing expressed concerns about the Project and the Planning Commission itself expressed none. Thus, it is unlikely that additional community outreach would materially alter the Project, particularly when Good Samaritan's design already reflects community feedback as seen in the proposed transportation improvements and thoughtful landscaping.

3. The Planning Commission's General Plan Inconsistency Findings Are Not Based On Substantial Evidence

At its hearing on October 23, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council deny the Project based on alleged inconsistencies with General Plan policies. As discussed below, the Planning Commission's inconsistency findings are not based on substantial evidence or any attributes of the Project, and instead improperly rely on the identity of the Project's owner.

General Plan consistency is not judged on a policy-by-policy basis. (See General Plan, p. 1-4 [policies "must be considered together when making planning decisions"].) Instead, a project is consistent with the General Plan, if, considering all its aspects, the project will further the objectives and policies of the General Plan and not obstruct their attainment. (*Pfeiffer v. City*

of Sunnyvale City Council (2011) 200 Cal.App.4th 1552, 1563.) Perfect conformity with the General Plan is not required. (*San Francisco Tomorrow v. City and County of San Francisco* (2014) 229 Cal.App.4th 498, 514.) Courts have recognized that "it is nearly, if not absolutely, impossible for a project to be in perfect conformity with each and every policy set forth in the applicable plan . . . . It is enough that the proposed project will be compatible with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the applicable plan." (*Sierra Club v. County of Napa* (2004) 121 Cal.App.4th 1490, 1510–1511.)

Conformity determinations must be based on the actually proposed project and not conjecture or speculation about how the project may unfold. (Cf. *Berkeley Hillside Preservation v. City of Berkeley* (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1086, 1119 [emphasizing that a project is not evaluated based on "unapproved activities that opponents assert will be necessary"].) It is an abuse of discretion for the decision-making body to rely on findings not supported by substantial evidence for its inconsistency determination. (*Sequoyah Hills Homeowners Assn. v. City of Oakland* (1993) 23 Cal.App.4th 704, 717.)

a. The Project is Consistent with the General Plan

Here the Planning Commission fixated on the Project's alleged noncompliance with Policies ES-6.1 and ES-6.3 and failed to consider the General Plan as a whole. (As discussed in Section 3.b, below, the Project is consistent with these two policies.) When the General Plan is considered as a whole, the Project is consistent with it, including the applicable land use designation and numerous objectives and policies.

The Property has a General Plan land use designation of Neighborhood/Community Commercial ("NCC"). The NCC land use designation allows for commercial uses serving communities in neighboring areas, including general offices and hospitals. (General Plan, p. 5-10.) The Project, which proposes to maintain and expand the existing hospital uses, would continue to serve the neighboring communities and City at large by providing critical medical care for the City's residents. The Project's hospital uses are also expressly called out as permitted under the General Plan's land use description.

Further, as described in the Draft EIR, the Project is consistent with numerous General Plan policies. (E.g., Draft EIR, pp. 4.10-9–4.11-10.) Exhibit 1, attached hereto, provides a more robust analysis of the Project's consistency with the General Plan.

b. The Project is Consistent with General Plan Goal ES-6 and Its Supporting Policies

General Plan Goal ES-6 encourages facilities that "[p]rovide for the health care needs of all members of the San José community." (General Plan, p. 4-42.) The Project, which will allow Good Samaritan to continue providing for the health care needs of all members of the San Jose community after 2030 supports this goal.

Goal ES-6 is supported by 14 policies, six of which were raised during the Planning Commission hearing. Although the Planning Commission mainly relied on General Plan policies ES-6.1 and ES-6.3 to justify its recommendation, in written comments submitted just prior to the Planning Commission hearing and during oral comments at that meeting, representatives from certain organizations also suggested that the Project did not comply with Policies ES-6.6, ES-6.7, ES-6.10, and ES-6.12. For completeness, we address each policy below.

i. *Policy ES-6.1*

Policy ES-6.1 states: "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 Jose community."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.1, the Project both facilitates the development of new and promotes the preservation and enhancement of an existing health care facility—the Good Samaritan Hospital. The Project provides necessary seismic upgrades, modernizes the hospital to better serve the community, and increases healthcare services with new and medical office buildings. Without the Project, Good Samaritan will shutter in 2030, which is inconsistent with Policy ES-6.1.

The Planning Commissioners and commenters focused on the last few words of Policy ES-6.1 regarding "all the needs of the entire San Jose community." They claimed that because Good Samaritan's parent, HCA Healthcare, choose to transition an inpatient psychiatric facility in Los Gatos to an outpatient facility that could serve more patients and sell Regional Medical Center to the County of Santa Clara, HCA Healthcare (not the Project) was not meeting all the needs of the entire San José community.

First, for a jurisdiction as large as the City, no one healthcare facility can meet the needs of the entire community. But if the Project is denied and Good Samaritan closes, then the community members around Good Samaritan would lack easy access to acute care facilities.

Second, and more importantly, HCA Healthcare's decisions regarding the Unrelated Facilities have nothing to do with whether the Project will help to meet the needs of the San José community and therefore is not substantial evidence about the Project that could support an inconsistency determination. (Cf. *Hilltop Group, Inc. v. County of San Diego* (2024) 99 Cal.App.5th 890, 925 [substantial evidence does not include "lay observations unrelated to similar projects in the past"].) As discussed above, the Project would serve the needs of the community by allowing Good Samaritan to offer critical acute care after January 1, 2030, as well as by enabling Good Samaritan to modernize its care.

ii. *Policy ES-6.3*

Policy ES-6.3 states: "Recognizing that health care 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."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.3, the Project helps the City ensure that adequate, affordable health care facilities are available for all City residents. The Project allows Good Samaritan to continue to operate an acute care hospital in the City that provides free or discounted care to uninsured patients who earn up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (often called "Charity Care"), consistent with California law. In 2023 alone, Good Samaritan provided $127 million in Charity Care. Project denial would result in closure of Good Samaritan, leaving not only City residents, but also residents of neighboring cities, such as Los Gatos, without adequate health care facilities, which would have detrimental effects on the well-being of the region.

The Planning Commission and commenters did not provide any reason to find the Project inconsistent with Policy ES-6.3. Specifically, the Planning Commission rested its inconsistency finding on the Unrelated Facilities, which have nothing to do with the Project. The Project is a massive investment in the community to ensure that Good Samaritan remains available for all and nothing in the record suggests Good Samaritan would undermine that investment.

iii. *Policy ES-6.6*

Policy ES-6.6 states: "Encourage the location of health care facilities and hospitals in areas that are underserved and lack adequate health care facilities."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.6, the Project ensures that the area around Good Samaritan remains served by a good health care facility and does not become an area that is underserved and lacks adequate facilities. Without the Project, Good Samaritan will be forced to close, leaving a large swath of City residents without adequate health care facilities.

Commenters urged the Planning Commission to find the Project inconsistent with this policy because "HCA has a pattern of divesting in these specific underserved areas in San Jos*é*," citing to the Unrelated Facilities that have nothing to do with the merits of the Project. With the Project, Good Samaritan is proposing to invest heavily to allow Good Samaritan to not just continue but to improve its operations. Further, as noted above, although the area where Good Samaritan exists is not currently underserved, without the Project, it would become underserved.

iv. *Policy ES-6.7*

Policy ES-6.7 states: "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."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.7, the Project is located on a site that has had a hospital for decades. To better serve patients, workers, and visitors, the Project is located adjacent to a freeway, which reduces cut-through traffic compared to facilities located in the center of residential neighborhoods. The Good Samaritan campus also provides a buffer between the freeway and residential uses. The Project would improve Good Samaritan's circulation, aesthetics, and landscaping to further reduce impacts on the immediately surrounding community. The uses surrounding Good Samaritan mainly consist of other medical services, offices, and residential uses, none of which emit toxics or would otherwise cause adverse impacts on the hospital, patients, workers, or visitors.

Commenters claimed HCA Healthcare is inconsistent with Policy ES-6.7 because its actions at the Unrelated Facilities "have clearly impacted patients, workers, and the surrounding communities," and suggested that HCA Healthcare may cut services at Good Samaritan. This argument highlights why the Project is consistent with Policy ES-6.7—the Project allows Good Samaritan to continue offering acute care services for its patients, and the community would be adversely affected if the Project is denied, and Good Samaritan must close. Moreover, nothing in the record suggests that after investing heavily in Good Samaritan, HCA Healthcare would then cut services there.

v. *Policy ES-6.10*

Policy ES-6.10 states: "Encourage potential hospital facilities to consider the impacts of a new facility on existing hospitals' service areas, demands, and capacities."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.10, Good Samaritan considered the impacts of its proposed Project on the existing hospitals' service areas, demands, and capacities. The Project is carefully phased to ensure no loss of services during construction. In addition, the Project will give Good Samaritan the space it requires for the machines now used to treat people and an upgraded facility plant that can support modern medical technology.

Commenters claimed that the Project is inconsistent with Policy ES-6.10 because of HCA Healthcare's decisions related to Regional Medical Center, which according to the commenters, harmed residents on the east side of the City. Even if true that HCA Healthcare's sale of Regional Medical Center to Santa Clara County had an adverse impact on that hospital, that sale has nothing to do with the Project. For the reasons discussed above, the Project is consistent with Policy ES-6.10.

vi. *Policy ES-6.12*

Policy ES-6.12 states: "Consider strategies and incentives to attract hospitals and other health care and medical service facilities to areas of San José where a demand for those services is demonstrated in analyses prepared by county, state, or professional consultants."

Consistent with Policy ES-6.12, the Project allows Good Samaritan to continue to serve City residents and prevents a currently served area of the City from becoming underserved. The City's approval of the Project could help attract hospitals and other health care and medical facilities to the City by showing that the City supports its health care providers.

Commenters claim that HCA Healthcare's actions at the Unrelated Facilities were inconsistent with Policy ES-6.12. The Unrelated Facilities, however, are not the project at issue and no one claimed that the Project itself is inconsistent with Policy ES-6.12.

c. The Planning Commission's Inconsistency Determination is Unsupported by Substantial Evidence

In sum, the Project is consistent with Goal ES-6 and its supporting policies. Had the Planning Commission considered the Project rather than the Unrelated Facilities, it would have reached the same conclusion. Because the Planning Commission's recommendation is based on factors unrelated to the Project, including unsubstantiated conjecture about HCA Healthcare's motives and business practices, it is unsupported by substantial evidence. (Cf. *Hilltop Group, Inc., supra*, 99 Cal.App.5th at p. 921 (substantial evidence "is not argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, evidence that is clearly inaccurate or erroneous"].)

4. The Planning Commission Acted Unlawfully When it Based its Project Recommendation On Unrelated HCA Healthcare Actions And Not The Project's Merits

The Planning Commission's decision to recommend that the City Council to deny the Project was not based on the merits of the Project, which were barely discussed at the hearing. Instead, the Planning Commission's recommendation was improperly based on animus towards the owner of the Project, HCA Healthcare, making its decision arbitrary and discriminatory.

A Planning Commission is prohibited from acting in an arbitrary and unreasonable manner, including out of animus towards a particular applicant. (*Maintain Our Desert Env't v. Town of Apple Valley* (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 430, 447; *San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco* (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656, 673; see *Arnel Dev. Co. v. City of Costa Mesa* (1981) 126 Cal.App.3d 330, 336 ["[the] principle limiting judicial inquiry into the legislative body's police power objectives does not bar scrutiny . . . of

discrimination against a particular parcel of property"].) "A public agency may not engage in conduct based upon personal, group or political animus without implicating constitutional concerns." (*Maintain Our Desert Env't, supra,* 124 Cal.App.4th at p. 447, citing the following: *Galland v. City of Clovis* (2001) 24 Cal.4th 1003, 1034–1036; *Friends of Davis v. City of Davis* (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th 1004, 1013 ["a city does not have carte blanche to exclude a retail merchant that it, or some of its residents, do not like"]; *Roman Cath. etc. Corp. v. City of Piedmont* (1955) 45 Cal.2d 325, 330–334 [zoning scheme that discriminates between otherwise identical public and private schools is arbitrary and unconstitutional].) Moreover, neighborhood opposition is not "itself a 'rational basis' for a local government body to forbid" a project because "[i]f public opinion *by itself* could justify the denial of constitutional rights, then those rights would be meaningless." (*Ross v. City of Yorba Linda* (1991) 1 Cal.App.4th 954, 964.)

At the hearing, one Planning Commissioner noted that the Project was very similar to another hospital project proposed by Kaiser and recently recommended for approval. Other Planning Commissioners agreed that the Project and Kaiser's project were similar, except for the fact that Kaiser had community support while the some in the community and the majority of Planning Commissioners disliked HCA Healthcare's actions at the Unrelated Facilities. This comparison shows that the Planning Commission acted out of unlawful animus towards the Project's owner, improperly treating Kaiser and Good Samaritan differently solely based on the identity of a corporate parent.

The Planning Commission acted arbitrarily and unlawfully when it based its decision to recommend Project denial solely on the identity of HCA Healthcare and its purported actions with respect to the Unrelated Facilities. Just as a "a city does not have carte blanche to exclude a retail merchant that it, or some of its residents, do not like" (*Friends of Davis, supra,* 83 Cal.App.4th at p. 1013), the City also does not have carte blanche to exclude a hospital provider that it, or some of its residents, do not like. But that is exactly what the Planning Commission did when it decided to recommend Project denial because it disliked some of HCA Healthcare's past business decisions.

In short, the Planning Commission's decision, which will result in the closure of a regional hospital, "is not rationally related to the general regional public welfare." (See *Arnel Dev. Co., supra,* 126 Cal.App.3d at p. 337 [rezoning to prohibit affordable multifamily housing not in the region's interest].) Like the housing crisis at issue in *Arnel*, California is having a hospital crisis, with "one out of every five" in "risk [of] closure amid mounting financial challenges." (Cathie Anderson, *Dozens of California hospitals at risk of closure, industry leaders warn amid call for state aid,* The Sacramento Bee (Apr. 14, 2023).[1]) In such a situation, "[w]hen considering how best to protect consumers . . . a big part of the equation should be the health consequences of leaving residents without emergency or acute-care services." (*Id.*) Yet not one Planning Commissioner discussed this very real possibility should the Project be unduly delayed or denied.

[1] Available at https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/health-and-medicine/article274242050.html

5. Conclusion

Good Samaritan asks the Committee to schedule the Project for a hearing before the City Council without delay. Delay could result in Good Samaritan being unable to timely replace its non-compliant bed tower, resulting in the loss of a regional acute care facility. Such a result is not in the public interest, and we urge you not to let it happen.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Linda C. Klein

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Attachment: Exhibit 1, General Plan Consistency Chart

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Exhibit 1

General Plan Consistency Chart

General Plan Policy	Project's Consistency
Policy IE-2.4: "Support the development of the health care industry and related businesses, including those providing services to San José's aging population, in part by promoting the Health Care Goals, Policies, and Actions."	The Project supports the health care industry by allowing Good Samaritan to continue to offer acute care to serve the City's aging population, as well as modernize and add medical office facilities to better serve the community.
Policy LU-1.6: "With new development or expansion and improvement of existing development or uses, incorporate measures to comply with current federal, State, and local standards."	The Project incorporates measures to comply with current federal, state, and local standards. The Project is driven by Good Samaritan's need to comply with state seismic standards and federal requirements from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The demolition of the bed tower is required to create a seismically compliant facility and the increased size of rooms, bathrooms, bathrooms, lobbies, cafeterias, and meeting rooms are required to meet the ADA. In addition, the Project would comply with state and local building codes, stormwater treatment requirements, and energy efficiency requirements.
Policy LU-4.1: "Retain existing commercial lands to provide jobs, goods, services, entertainment, and other amenities for San José's workers, residents, and visitors."	The approval of this Project is necessary to retain the existing commercial hospital, which provides jobs and critical services to City workers, residents, and visitors. Denial of the Project would leave the City without critical care services its workers, residents, and visitors need.
Policy CD-1.1: "Require the highest standards of architectural and site design, and apply strong design controls for all development projects, both public and private, for the enhancement and development of community character and for the proper transition between areas with different types of land uses."	The Project proposes quality architectural and site design, including use of durable materials, energy-efficient building assemblies and lighting, better circulation that alleviates conflicts between pedestrians and cars, the addition of hundreds of trees, and addition of water-efficient landscaping.
Policy MS-1.2: "Continually increase the number and proportion of buildings within San José that make use of green building practices by incorporating those practices into both new construction and retrofit of existing structures."	The Project would upgrade outdated hospital buildings and incorporate green building practices, including energy efficient lighting, water efficient fixtures, low-water landscaping, and the addition of EV ready and EV parking spaces.

General Plan Policy	Project's Consistency
Policy EC-3.1: "Design all new or remodeled habitable structures in accordance with the most recent California Building Code and California Fire Code as amended locally and adopted by the City of San José, including provisions regarding lateral forces."	The Project would upgrade the hospital to include buildings that meet with California Building Code and California Fire Code. Most importantly, the Project would make the hospital seismically compliant with state law, allowing it to stay open to serve the community.
Policy ER-8.1: "Manage stormwater runoff in compliance with the City's Post-Construction Urban Runoff (6-29) and Hydromodification Management (8-14) Policies."	The Project would improve the Project site's stormwater management, updating it to meet current standards, including adding low-impact development features that improve water quality.
Policy TR-1.6: "Require that public street improvements provide safe access for motorists and pedestrians along development frontages per current City design standards."	The Project offers several traffic calming features and improved circulation for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Nadia ibrahim [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 2:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 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.

Nadia Ibrahim
Research Compliance Program Manager
11/11/2024

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 an employee at Good Samaritan Hospital and HCA with 13 years of experience. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

- Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community.
- The positive impact of our services on patients, families, our staff and the local community is very important.

- As a devoted employee with Good Samaritan Hospital and HCA that comes to work every single day to provide the best care for all our patients, I call the Good Samaritan Hospital family as my own family and also my home away from home.

- The planned development is essential and very important to Good Samaritan Hospital and for the community, our patients and our employees especially ME. We really need it.

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,

Nadia Ibrahim

- **Nadia Ibrahim, MBA, BSHCM, BA, LSSGB**
  San Jose Market Research Compliance Program Manager

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GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

PART OF GOOD SAMARITAN HEALTH SYSTEM

"Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life."

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FW: GOOD SAM HOSPITAL

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Betty Rhodes <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 4:46 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: GOOD SAM HOSPITAL

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It is vital to keep that hospital open. I use it quite often. I also volunteer there twice a week as a rule. Please keep it open and let them make the necessary improvements. It has been having to wait for rooms when you are sick It has to expand so everyone can find a bed there and know that they are safe there. Please, please keep it open. And let them meet the community needs. Betty Rhodes [redacted] for questions. Thank you.

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 7:50 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Support letter.docx;

From: Asya Ofshteyn [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 12:46 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital

Hello,

Attached is a letter in support of item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041. Thank you!

Asya

Asya Ofshteyn, MD, MPH

Asya Ofshteyn, MD, MPH
Colorectal Surgeon
11/11/2024

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 who brings patients to 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.

Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community with a large catchment area of responsibility. It serves a large and diverse community of patients and families who would have limited access to other facilities. The potential impact to patients and residents if the project is not approved would be devastating and would affect the ability of many in the community to get appropriate healthcare.

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,

Asya Ofshteyn, MD, MPH

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11/19/24: Item 10.2

From Mitre, Betty <Betty.Mitre@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 9:26 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc McNaughton, Kora <Kora.McNaughton@sanjoseca.gov>

1 attachment (82 KB)
Rebecca Haggerty Public Comment_Redacted.pdf;

Good morning,

Please post the public comment 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.

Thank you,

Betty Mitre, Staff Specialist
Planning Division, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department
City of San José | 200 E. Santa Clara Street | San José, CA 95113
408.535.7893 | betty.mitre@sanjoseca.gov

McNaughton, Kora

From: Rebecca Haggerty [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:11 PM
To: McNaughton, Kora
Cc: District9; Laveroni, Kyle
Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital Upgrade

City Council Members,

I am in SUPPORT of the request by Good Samaritan Hospital to upgrade its site to meet state standards while retaining health services. I live in the neighborhood and have obtained services at Good Samaritan Emergency room several times with great appreciation. The impact of Good Samaritan Hospital on our neighborhood is minimal with a few ambulances sounding their sirens and helicopters landing. Traffic is reasonable. Expansion and upgrade can be accommodated.

I am requesting that the City Council continue to require a step back for the parking garage on Samaritan Place. The proposed project places a parking garage along Samaritan Place and my understanding is that a large step back is in the proposal. On this street, there are several residences and a senior housing complex with many residents. They have views of the hills and regular sunshine because of the open parking lot currently in place. To the extent possible, it would be desirable to retain the views and sunshine.

Thank you for your consideration.
Respectfully,
Rebecca Haggerty
[redacted]

Outlook

Fw: Item 10.2 Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Written Public Comment

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Tue 11/12/2024 10:12 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Good Samaritan Support Letter.pdf;

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How is our service? Your feedback is appreciated!

From: Francisco Nunez [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:04 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Written Public Comment

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to submit the attached letter for distribution to the council members. Kindly ensure that it is shared with them at your earliest convenience.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any additional information or have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

--
Francisco Nunez
Director of Field Operations
[redacted]

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November 11, 2024

San Jose City Council
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear San Jose City Council:

On behalf of the over 30,678 hardworking LIUNA members in Northern California and the 6,438 members of LIUNA Local 270, I am writing to express our strong support for the Good Samaritan Hospital Project in San Jose, CA.

This project represents not just an investment in healthcare, but also a significant opportunity for job creation in our local communities. Thousands of our members live and work in Santa Clara County, and they will directly benefit from the state-of-the-art services that this facility will provide.

DPR Construction has consistently ensured that local union laborers and skilled tradespeople are employed on their projects. This commitment is essential, as it fosters job opportunities that provide living wage positions with comprehensive benefits. Such jobs are critical in addressing the challenges our members face and enhancing the overall economic vitality of our community.

Moreover, this project will facilitate recruitment and training for new apprentices, especially from under-served communities. By collaborating with dedicated union contractors like DPR Construction, HCA Healthcare is taking meaningful steps toward building a diverse workforce rooted in equity and opportunity.

We are excited about DPR Construction's commitment to local hiring and training initiatives, which will ensure that the benefits of this project extend far beyond its construction.

We strongly urge you to approve the Good Samaritan Project, as it promises to deliver invaluable services and opportunities for our members and the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Enrique Arguello
Business Manager
LIUNA, Local 270

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Letters of Support RE: Good Samaritan Hospital

From Eddie Truong [redacted]
Date Tue 11/12/2024 10:20 AM
To Eddie Truong [redacted]

2 attachments (293 KB)
NCCU Good Samaritan Hospital San Jose_Letter of Support.2024-11-11.pdf; Good Samaritan Laborers Support 2024.11.11.pdf;

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Please find the attached letters of support from the Nor Cal Carpenters Union and the LIUNA Local 270 unions. If you have any questions about the Good Samaritan Hospital project, please feel free to contact me at [redacted]

Regards,
--
EDDIE TRUONG
Partner
[redacted]

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Enrique Arguello
Business Manager
LIUNA, Local 270

NOR CAL CARPENTERS UNION

November 11, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan
San Jose City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose CA, 95113

Sent Via Electronic Mail
mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov

RE: Good Samaritan Hospital San José (Project)

Dear Mayor Matt Mahan:

On behalf of the over 37,000 hard working members of the Nor Cal Carpenters Union, including the 6,000 local men and women who are members of San Jose Carpenters Local 405 and Drywall Lathers Local 9144 in San Jose, I am writing this letter in strong support of the Good Samaritan Hospital/HCA (Project) located in San Jose.

Our members have a direct interest in securing high-road job opportunities and investments in their local communities. The Nor Cal Carpenters Union is proud to count thousands of Santa Clara County residents among its membership ranks, including those who live and work in the vicinity of the project and will be recipients of the improved services, including the state-mandated seismic retrofit, that this state-of-the-art facility will provide to the San José Community and beyond.

Good Samaritan/HCA will retain Union contractors that employ local Union Carpenters and affiliated craftspeople to build this project. We now have a unique opportunity to positively address many important issues that face our communities beyond the obvious need for improved access to affordable healthcare for workers and their families. The well-paying Union jobs and benefits will have far-reaching effects for our members, and the communities in which they live, providing safe workplaces where our members will have access to industry standard apprenticeship training at one end of their careers, and retirement with security and dignity at the other. In addition, this project will provide new opportunities for recruitment of new apprentices locally, particularly from underserved communities.

Good Samaritan Hospital has stated that it "has been a faithful steward of San Jose's planning process, communicating extensively the benefits and impact of its $1.2 billion proposal and state-mandated seismic retrofit. Any deferral of Good Samaritan's proposal premised on the supposition that more feedback is needed, threatens the state's seismic legal timelines and risks the hospital's ability to remain operational." For these reasons, we strongly urge you and the planning commission to approve this project with no further delay or deferral. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Jay Bradshaw
Executive Officer
Nor Cal Carpenters Union

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FW: Letter in support of the Good Samaritan Hospital project

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Tran, Christopher <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 2:09 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Letter in support of the Good Samaritan Hospital project

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Please see attached.

Thank you,

Christopher Tran, MD

Christopher D Tran, MD

Radiologist

11/12/24

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 doctor with 20 years of experience with 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.

My family and extended family all have received exemplary care from Good Samaritan Hospital for years. My father with multiple myeloma has been taken good care of by many exceptional physicians at this hospital. If the project is not approved, my father's condition as well as many other patients' will be adversely affected.

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,

Christopher D. Tran, MD

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To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Good Samaritan Hospital Project Local 405 Letters San Jose City Council 2024.11.19.pdf;

From: Samuel Munoz <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Matt Mahan <mayor@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Munoz, Samuel <[redacted]
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.

Mayor Mahan and City Council members,

Please see the attached letter from the Northern California Carpenters Union Local 405 for the support of the proposed Planned Development Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site on Certain Real Property Located at 2333 and 2425 Samaritan Drive. Please keep this letter in consideration when coming to your conclusion on this very important decision.

Thank you,
Samuel Munoz
Carpenters Local 405

Samuel Munoz
Senior Field Representative
Nor Cal Carpenters Union
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https://norcalcarpenters.org

CARPENTERS LOCAL UNION 405

SERVING SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

November 12, 2024

Mayor Matt Mahan and
San Jose City Council Members
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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.

Dear Mayor and San Jose City Council Members,

The members of Carpenters Union Local 405 in San Jose strongly supports the approval of the Good Samaritan Hospital project. This project will begin the process of creating numerous construction job opportunities which pay union wages with retirement and health benefits as well as provide a career path into construction for new apprentices, including women, veterans and minorities from our local community. Good Samaritan/HCA has a good track record of hiring responsible union contractors. The large scale of the Good Samaritan Hospital Seismic Retrofit Project will sustain a large number of construction jobs over a long period of time.

The seismic retrofitting of the Good Samaritan Hospital is critical and an essential resource to the San Jose community. If not approved, the current hospital will no longer meet the state's seismic requirements in 2030, potentially placing a greater strain on local health services. The proposed retrofitting aligns with state requirements aimed at enhancing the safety and structural integrity of healthcare facilities, ensuring that mandated standards are accomplished.

We strongly encourage you to support this worthy proposal and Good Samaritan Hospital/HCA's commitment to San Jose workers, the Carpenters Union, residents and our community at large. Voting in favor of the seismic retrofitting of the Good Samaritan Hospital is a vote for establishing compliance with the state's seismic requirements and ensuring that the hospital remains operational for all residents of San Jose.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Samuel Munoz
Senior Field Representative
Carpenters Local 405

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FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital

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Date Wed 11/13/2024 7:31 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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Letter for Good Samaritan.pdf;

From: Sarah Lee [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 3:29 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital

Sarah Lee, M.D.

[redacted]

Sarah Lee, MD
Maternal-Fetal Medicine Medical Director at Good Samaritan Hospital
November 13, 2024

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 doctor with over 14 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.

Good Samaritan Hospital is my hospital of choice. The hospital offers necessary Women's and Children's services that is vital for not only the local San Jose community but a community reaching over a 100 mile radius of the bay area! Good Samaritan offers comprehensive women's health care that includes Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Gyn-Oncology, Urogynecology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and general OBGYN.

I once stood on the helipad at Good Samaritan waiting to receive a pregnant woman in labor. I was surrounded by an entire OB and NICU team. Immediately when the helicopter landed, it was clear she was ready to push. As a unit, we pushed the patient's gurney and ran to Labor & Delivery that already had a waiting nursing crew ready to receive the patient. She delivered a healthy 34 week old infant in Labor and Delivery room 3 within a few minutes of arrival. This is what we do and we do it well.

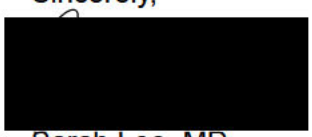
Please promote Women's health and support this hospital that offers such an outstanding service to this community and the greater bay area.

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,



Sarah Lee, MD

Outlook

FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 &ER23-041 Good Samaritan Hospital Site

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 7:31 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Aurelia Sanchez [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:20 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 &ER23-041 Good Samaritan Hospital Site

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Aurelia Sanchez [redacted]
To: "mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov" <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>
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Date: 11/12/2024 1:08 PM PST
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 &ER23-041 Good Samaritan Hospital Site

Aurelia Sanchez
District 3 Resident

November 12, 2024

I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As a community member of Spartan Keyes it is important that this proposal is approved in order to keep the hospital open and in service to the San Jose community. I understand the reasons some are upset and feel the hospital did not consider the impact when they cut services at Regional Medical Center but there are many residents of our city that need Good Samaritan Hospital and they should not be punished.

The impact should Good Samaritan Hospital not be allowed to work on their seismic retrofitting will hurt many people and our city. Please set politics aside and remember you all represent many people and these people depend on you. Good Samaritan Hospital also accepts patients from Kaiser for certain services and I have known people who have been placed there.

Sincerely,

Aurelia Sanchez

Outlook

FW: Good Samaritan Hospital

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 8:43 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Gordon Rosenberg [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:40 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important
Dear Sir/Madam:
I have been a practicing physician in San Jose, CA for 36 years. Good Samaritan Hospital has been a beacon of high quality medical care to our patients for decades and it has served our community of patients and physicians well. We need this hospital!! I implore the San Jose City Council to support the seismic retrofit plan, so that this vital institution can continue to serve and meet our community's needs.

Sincerely,

Gordon Rosenberg, MD;FACOG

Outlook

FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 11:19 AM
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From: Torres Teena [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:18 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041

Please Read.

Thank you,

Teena Torres M.B.A., B.S., R.T.(R)(CT)(MR)(ARRT)
[redacted]

Teena Torres
Diagnostic Imaging Manager
11/13/2024

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.

When I was 19, I found out I was pregnant. I was terrified and felt completely alone. I had always been the "good girl," excelling in school and ranking in the top 3% of my district, with everyone expecting me to do great things. In fact, when I confided in my best friend, she burst into tears, telling me I had so much potential and that I was meant to "be someone." But none of that mattered. I was suddenly faced with a reality I hadn't prepared for, and I had very few options. I hadn't even suspected I was pregnant until I was already three months in.

The stress took a toll on me. I began spotting, feeling dizzy, and could barely stand. I left work early that day and went to a hospital (not Good Samaritan), hoping to find help. Instead, I was met with judgment. The staff openly questioned why I hadn't come sooner and implied I didn't care about my baby. I tried to explain—I had been having my period all this time, and it wasn't until the dizziness started that I realized something might be wrong. But my words seemed to make no difference. They performed an ultrasound but refused to provide any information, snapping, "Maybe this will make sure you come back." I left, feeling overwhelmed and emotional, and never returned.

This experience has stayed with me, reinforcing the need for compassionate healthcare. To me, Good Samaritan Hospital embodies that compassion, which has fueled my desire to be part of the Good Samaritan family. Not only is it my first choice for my family's care, but it's also my second home. I practically grew up here, starting as a radiology student and later becoming a technologist. Good Samaritan has provided countless opportunities, training me in mammography, CT, and MRI, and even covering my higher education—both my bachelor's and MBA. Eventually, I was given the opportunity to serve as a manager.

Good Samaritan represents what healthcare should be: a place of support, compassion, and opportunity. I can't imagine not being able to walk through those doors—whether as a healthcare provider or as a patient. Supporting the seismic retrofitting proposal keeps these doors open, allowing us to continue serving the San Jose community.

Without these critical retrofitting efforts, the safety of our patients and staff will be jeopardized, and Good Samaritan's ability to continue serving as an essential resource for our community will be severely compromised. Any delay in these efforts will have a direct, detrimental impact on the community we are dedicated to serving.

Thank you,

Teena Torres M.B.A., B.S., R.T.(R)(CT)(MR)(ARRT)

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Outlook

FW: Support of Good Samaritan Hospital San Jose

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 11:20 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Suzanne Bovone Smith <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:17 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support of Good Samaritan Hospital San Jose

11/13/24

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 22 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 practiced OB/GYN at Good Samaritan for my entire career. I am proud of the thousands of patients who have started or expanded their families with me. The resources Good Samaritan offers are outstanding. The community of physicians, nurses, administrators, technicians (ER, OR...), clerks, housekeeping, and therapists (PT, OT, Respiratory, Social Work...) truly are a family. Everyone cares for patients as if it is their family member. I also live within three minutes of Good Samaritan and hear the helicopter bring high risk pregnant patients to deliver there as the Level III NICU is phenomenal. I am honored to be part of the Good Samaritan Team.

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,

Suzanne Bovone, MD

Suzanne Bovone Smith, M.D.

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Outlook

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Wed 11/13/2024 4:54 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Rashmi Naik [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 4:52 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 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.

Rashmi Naik
Volunteer NICU and Prior patient

November 13, 2024

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

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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 volunteer with 5 years of experience with 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.
This has been our family's hospital for the past 23 years with our daughter being born there.
Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community. They have an efficient ER. This is the only hospital with these facilities which our insurance covers. Good Samaritan

Hospital. Every single time, we have had to use ER facilities because urgent care wasn't an option, we have got timely and efficient care.

As a volunteer at the NICU at Good Samaritan Hospital, I cannot stress enough how much such a facility is required by the community. They have the state of the art neo natal intensive care unit which provides medical care and stability to these very fragile lives. The doctors, the nurses, the administration are extremely dedicated and efficient. Removing this facility for this community is going to have devastating consequences to many young patients and their parents.

For many patients who require surgeries and post operative care, Good Samaritan Hospital is the only hospital that they can go to.

Please take all this into consideration. Good Samaritan Hospital is a vital for our healthcare needs. We have trusted and been the beneficiaries of this hospital whenever we have needed to be hospitalized. Please do not close the facility

The potential impact to patients and residents if the project is not approved is going to have many left without a hospital to go to which is within a 20 minute driving distance.

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/14/2024 7:36 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Pan, Judong [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 9:34 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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.

Judong Pan, MD, PhD
Radiologist and Partner
[redacted]

11/13/2024

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

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As a medical imaging doctor with over 12 years of experience in this facility. It is critical that this proposal is approved to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

Good Samaritan Hospital has long served as a hub for the medical community in San Jose. It operates independently as a hospital while also supporting nearby outpatient facilities, such as the Stanford South Bay Cancer Center and PAMF clinics, providing care to patients throughout the South Bay and beyond.

As the Chairman of the Radiology Department, I see firsthand the positive impact our imaging services have on patients, their families, and the community. Each day, we conduct hundreds of imaging studies, including X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, ultrasounds, and nuclear medicine exams. Our Breast Care Center also provides high-quality women's imaging services and bone density exams. We are proud to work at Good Samaritan, where the quality of care is exceptional, touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients and their families every year.

Without this approval, the hospital will face project delays that could prevent meeting the state-mandated 2030 deadline, potentially risking hospital closure.

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,
Judong Pan, MD, PhD

Outlook

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From: Carmela Coyle [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 5:07 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 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

Attached please find a letter to the Mayor in support of 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.

Thank you.

California Hospital Association

November 13, 2024

The Honorable Mayor Matt Mahan
San Jose City Council
City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

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

Dear Mayor Mahan and San Jose City Council Members:

The California Hospital Association (CHA) is writing in strong support of the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital and asks that the San Jose City Council approve the construction proposal at your meeting next week.

As a statewide organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of more than 400 member hospitals and health systems throughout California on state and federal policy issues, CHA rarely weighs in on local matters. However, seismic compliance and its associated challenges are of critical importance to the patients California's hospitals care for every day. To that end, we are writing to provide reasons why local support for seismic compliance projects, like the Good Samaritan project, are so important for California's communities.

It is important to remember that **patients and health care workers are safe**. After more than two decades of work and billions of dollars invested, more than 95% of hospitals, including Good Samaritan, have met the state's 2020 deadline to ensure hospitals meet the life safety standard and can withstand a major earthquake. Now, hospitals must comply with another standard that requires them to be *fully operational* after a major earthquake by 2030.

While hospitals are working to meet these requirements, many will simply not be able to complete the work needed by the 2030 deadline and will be forced by state law to close. Nearly two-thirds of all hospitals — the primary centers for health care and among the largest employers in communities — continue to work to comply with the 2030 seismic requirements. At this time, 259 hospitals and over 750 buildings in nearly every community in California must be retrofitted, modified, or replaced. These upgrades are estimated to cost hospitals more than $100 billion statewide, further straining the resources that would otherwise go to patient services.
Further, nearly all hospitals (98%) report that if they or a neighboring hospital must close or reduce services due to the construction needed to meet these requirements, patient access to care will be at

risk. If Good Samaritan were to close, the impact to the San Jose community would be significant. Patients would experience longer wait times at the hospitals that remain open as there would be less hospital capacity across the community. Also, many patients may have to travel farther for specialty services and emergency department care.

In addition, after supporting communities through the COVID-19 pandemic, California's hospitals have experienced new and significant financial and operational challenges, which have affected construction plans and the overall financial capacity of hospitals to comply with seismic requirements. In light of these challenges, CHA has been advocating to provide legislative relief and additional time to help hospitals get on a more realistic path to meet seismic requirements. In 2024, CHA sponsored SB 1432, legislation that would have provided a workable timeframe for hospitals to comply with California's 2030 seismic standards and take into consideration the impact of statewide construction on access to patient care and a hospital's ability to finance seismic related construction work. Unfortunately, after passing through the legislature without a single no vote, Gov. Newsom vetoed that legislation in October 2024, creating a real risk that many hospitals will not make the 2030 deadline and be forced to close.

Your Community Needs Your Help

It now falls to hospitals and community leaders like you to work together to ensure as many as possible are able to meet seismic requirements while continuing to provide critical services in our communities. Unlike many cities that will likely have to deal with hospital and major service line closures, San Jose is in a position to support its hospitals, like Good Samaritan, which are actively undertaking the work to meet the compliance deadlines and stay open beyond 2030.

We hope you will support Good Samaritan's project and all the hospitals in your communities.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Carmela Coyle
President & CEO

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FW: Item 10.2 11/19/24

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Date Thu 11/14/2024 7:37 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Jo Coffaro [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:35 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 11/19/24

Good morning. Attached is the letter from the Hospital Council regarding item 10.2. We would appreciate it if I can be distributed to the Mayor and members of the city council

Please contact me if you have any questions

Best regards

Jo Coffaro

Sent from my iPhone

Hospital Council
Northern & Central California

November 13, 2024

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

SUBJECT: PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site on Certain Real Property Located at 2333 and 2425 Samaritan Drive

Dear members of the San Jose City Council,

As a regional association that provides leadership, advocacy, training, and tools to empower California's hospitals and health systems, Hospital Council of Northern & Central California is writing to express that it is imperative the San Jose City Council approve the Good Samaritan Hospital seismic retrofit and expansion proposal — this project is important to our health care community and the patients we care for.

Good Samaritan Hospital plays a vital role in our community, serving as a key provider of medical services. If the project does not go forward, this would destabilize the entire San Jose and Santa Clara County health care landscape and affect the more than 55,000 patients this hospital serves annually.

As you know, California state law mandates that to remain open and operational, all hospitals must be compliant with the seismic design and safety standards by 2030. So, without your approval, Good Samaritan Hospital would be forced to close. Each of our hospitals either has gone through or will go through the process of retrofitting existing infrastructure or completely rebuilding facilities to comply with state standards — and Good Samaritan Hospital should be no different.

The proposed seismic retrofit will enhance the hospital's structural safety, ensuring that it remains operational during a seismic event. Not only is this the law, but it is also crucial for maintaining residents' access to care during emergencies.

Undergoing a seismic retrofit is also essential for ongoing support of the South Bay's wider healthcare ecosystem; the interconnected nature of our hospitals means that one facility's strength and readiness directly impacts the others — and the ability to transfer patients, share resources, and collaborate effectively hinges on the stability and reliability of every facility involved.

Good Samaritan Hospital's seismic upgrade will safeguard patients and staff, contribute to the long-term sustainability of health care services in our area, and enhance our capacity to provide

high-quality care — all of which ensure that San Jose remains a safe and healthy place for its residents.

For all of these reasons, we respectfully urge the San Jose City Council to approve the seismic retrofit project to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and caring for the people in this community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We appreciate your dedication to the health and safety of our residents.

Sincerely,

Jo Coffaro
Regional Vice President
Hospital Council — Northern & Central California

Outlook

FW: Support Letter for GSH

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/14/2024 9:11 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Gloria Wu <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:59 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support Letter for GSH

Gloria Wu MD
[redacted]

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

11-14-2024

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 doctor with 21 years of experience in this facility. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) open and in service to the San Jose community.

GSH is a nationally recognized stroke center, level 1 stroke center and can provide the best care for stroke patients. The stroke center has helped my patients recover. I know that every time my patients are seen for stroke at the Good Samaritan, they recover fully.

We would lose a valuable resource if this hospital is closed.

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,

[redacted]

Gloria Wu MD
President of South Bay AMWA
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FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/14/2024 10:49 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mukuno Eric [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:21 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Eric Mukuno
Market Patient Access Director
11/14/2024

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

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I am also writing this letter as a concerned citizen and behalf of all of my family and friends who also live in the area. I was born and raised in San Jose and have many ties and stories connected to Good Samaritan Hospital. When my mother was diagnosed with cancer and needed a double mastectomy… Good Samaritan was there! My mother is now cancer free and thriving. When my father had a stroke and needed rehab to get back to normal daily functions… Good Samaritan was there! My father has regained the majority of his speech and use of his hand. The birth of my best friends' children… Good Samaritan was there! There are all healthy kids and will be future contributors to the community. My list can go on and on with how many people I know personally and just met briefly that have had their lives positively impacted by the care provided at Good Samaritan.

To defer and delay this proposal puts in serious jeopardy the essential healthcare services that the community needs. If the Good Samaritan doors were not open… the above stories would have had a very different ending and I would be writing a completely different impact statement. Good Samaritan provides a multitude of different services and the unfortunate reality is that not every one can be saved and have a happy ending… But, that is not unique to Good Samaritan, but in all Healthcare systems. There are a lot of opportunities to improve the delivery of healthcare in our

society and I only ask that we consider what the immediate need is today and how that decision will impact the greater community at hand.

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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,

[redacted]

"Above all else, we're committed to the care and improvement of human life."

Eric Mukuno
Market Patient Access Director
[redacted]

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL
Part of Good Samaritan Health system

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Part of Good Samaritan Health system

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FW: Good Samaritan Seismic Retrofitting Proposal

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From: fijimd[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:16 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan Seismic Retrofitting Proposal

Dear SJ City Clerk,

Please acknowledge and distribute this letter of support promptly to all your council members.

Thank you,

BALDEV SINGH MD FCCP

Pulmonary & Critical Critical Care Medicine

[redacted]

Certainly, here's an enhanced and more formal version of your letter:

[Date]

Re: Urgent Support for Seismic Retrofitting of Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear Members of the San Jose City Council,

I am writing to express my unequivocal support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH). As a physician with over 16 years of experience at GSH and as a former patient, I am acutely aware of the hospital's indispensable role in our community. I urge you to approve this critical proposal to ensure that Good Samaritan Hospital remains a beacon of healthcare excellence in San Jose and throughout Northern California.

Good Samaritan Hospital: A Pillar of the San Jose Community

For more than 60 years, Good Samaritan Hospital has been a cornerstone of healthcare in Northern California, offering nationally recognized care and specialized services. Its longstanding commitment to the community has made it a trusted institution, relied upon by thousands of residents for its exceptional quality of care. The hospital's closure would create a significant void in healthcare access that no other facility can fill, given its unique capabilities and expertise.

The Essential Impact of Good Samaritan's Services on Patients, Families, and the Region

My own experience as a patient at GSH reflects the exceptional standard of care this hospital provides. Furthermore, in my role as a physician, I see firsthand how Good Samaritan serves as a critical resource for patients across five Northern California counties. Our services include highly specialized tertiary care in cardiology, pulmonology, and neurology, which are essential to the region's healthcare infrastructure.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a primary referral center for complex cardiac, respiratory, and stroke cases. Without the seismic retrofitting required for continued operation, the loss of these services would severely strain an already overburdened healthcare system. The absence of GSH would not only jeopardize timely access to life-saving treatments but would also disrupt the lives of countless families and patients who depend on the hospital's comprehensive care.

The Imperative of Seismic Retrofitting

This proposal is not merely an operational upgrade; it is a legal and moral obligation to meet state-mandated safety standards that safeguard the well-being of patients, staff, and visitors. By approving this retrofitting initiative, the City Council will be taking a decisive step toward protecting the lives of San Jose's residents and ensuring the longevity of a vital healthcare institution.

The authority to secure the future of Good Samaritan Hospital rests with this Council. Inaction or delay could result in the permanent loss of a critical healthcare facility, with devastating consequences for Northern California's healthcare access and delivery.

A Call to Action

I respectfully urge the City Council to prioritize the health and safety of our community by approving the seismic retrofitting of Good Samaritan Hospital. By doing so, you will not only ensure compliance with state requirements but also affirm your commitment to preserving healthcare access for the people of San Jose and the surrounding region.

Thank you for your steadfast dedication to the welfare of San Jose's residents.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title and Affiliation]

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FW: Support for Good Sam

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To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Good Sam

You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Dear City Clerk,

Please receive the final version of my letter and distribute to your council members and ignore the earlier draft.

THANK YOU,

BALDEV SINGH MD FCCP

Pulmonary & Critical Critical Care Medicine

[redacted]

Baldev Singh MD

[redacted]

November 14th, 2024.

San Jose City Council

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

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Sincerely,

Baldev Singh MD FCCP
Immediate Past Chief of Staff GSH.

Outlook

FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Thu 11/14/2024 10:50 AM
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From: Hopwood Clint [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:49 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Clint Hopwood
Director Rehab Services/Occupational Therapist
11/14/24

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

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

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I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As an Occupational Therapist with 23 years of experience with 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.

As a lifelong San Jose resident who was born at Good Samaritan Hospital 47 years ago, has had both of my children born at Good Sam and family that continue to rely on Good Sam as their hospital destination when in need, this is a vital decision that will have tremendous implications on the community.

Recently my father had a heart attack and was fortunate to go to Good Sam where he underwent a significant bypass surgery. The care was great as I witnessed first hand the "care like family" approach that the team of physicians, nurses and ancillary staff provided my father. Unfortunately, my mother who worked as a floor nurse at Good Sam in the early 70's commented that the environment looked very similar to that period of time outside of modern color updates, furniture and computers on wheels. She commented about the double occupancy rooms and a look that was not too unfamiliar to her days on the floor in the tower those many years ago.

It's a true testament to the care team that they are able to achieve great quality and patient experience with a lacking environmental capability. A modernization is due. 60 years is a long time for a facility that is open 24 hours a day 365 days a year. It's time. It's time for this modernization to marry the quality of care that is provided each day. This modernization will allow Good Sam to provide for the community well into the future. A community that deserves advancements in care to better serve them and their families like mine.

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 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,

[redacted]

Clint Hopwood, OT/L, c/NDT
IRF Program Director

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Outlook

FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospita

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From: Samuel Wu [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 11:37 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospita

Samuel W Wu, MD
Community Internal Medicine
[redacted]

11/14/2024

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Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community. It has a tremendous positive impact on our services on patients, families, and the local community.

All my patients have wonderful experiences and rely heavily on Good Samaritan Hospital, because of the high quality of acute care provided by our hospital.

The potential impact to patients and residents if the project is not approved, could be devastating.

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,

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Outlook

FW: Good Samaritan Hospital Seismic Retrofit

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From: Randolph Fung [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 1:00 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital Seismic Retrofit

Dr. Randy Fung
Anesthesiologist
11/14/2024

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I have lived in the Bay Area for almost my entire life and Good Samaritan Hospital has been a valuable community hospital since I've been here. Friends, family, colleagues get quality care and its update to a safe facility is critical for the Bay Area.

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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,

Randy Fung

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[[Resending]]

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Please see attached letter in support of the above-referenced proposal – which is on the agenda for November 19, 2024.

Sincere regards, Paul

Paul A Stone [redacted]
CA 94111 | C[redacted]

November 14, 2024

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Re: 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

As a local resident, taxpayer and healthcare industry professional, I am unequivocally supportive of the plans for rebuilding Good Samaritan Hospital to conform with seismic retrofitting requirements. The proposed retrofitting aligns with state standards aimed at enhancing the safety and structural integrity of healthcare facilities.

As such, this project is vital to ensuring the presence of Good Samaritan Hospital in our community. I strongly encourage you to vote in SUPPORT of the above-referenced item.

I am a biotech executive and have been a member of the San Jose / Los Gatos community for over 25 years. My family – including my wife, who is an operating room nurse, and my four children – has had numerous positive experiences at Good Samaritan Hospital. I am also a member of the Board of Trustees of Good Samaritan Hospital, so I have first-hand working knowledge of the dedication and commitment of the owners, administrative executives and medical professionals at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a vital element of the healthcare infrastructure for our area. Approval of the proposal is critical to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community. The impact if it is not approved would be catastrophic – including an adverse economic impact (reduced jobs, reduced tax base) and a reduced availability of quality healthcare services.

Sincere regards,

Paul A. Stone
Member, Board of Trustees, Good Samaritan Hospital

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Thank you Donna Keith

Cheers Donna
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Donna Keith RN, Director Patient Care Services & Pediatrics
[redacted]

"Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life."

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November 14, 2024

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Good Samaritan Hospital is vital to our Community. There have been countless lives positively impacted each and every day. As patients enter our doors for treatment, they experience the connected care that we provide.

Our services such as Stroke, Rehab, STEMI, ED, Surgical Care, Neonatal ICU and beyond are so important. The endless hours that our Physicians, Nurses and Staff put into delivering top notch care needs to continue. Volunteer Service is also in our Core Values. I personally volunteer in the public schools to screen student athletes for sudden death. GSHO participates in a number of Community Events to support the health and wellbeing of 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,

Donna Keith RN

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FW: Good Samaritan Hospital

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From: Tracy Robinson [redacted]
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To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital

Tracy Robinson

MD, Anesthesiologist

11/14/2024

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

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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 doctor with 19 years of experience with 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.

Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community

The positive impact of our services on patients, families, and the local community is vast

The potential impact to patients and residents if the project is not approved will be detrimental and long lasting to our community.

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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,

Tracy Robinson

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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.

Henry Kamali, MD
Medical Director, Surgical Services
11/14/2024

San Jose City Council
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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.

As a physician with 24 years of experience at Good Samaritan Hospital, I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for this facility. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service for the San Jose community.

We take our health for granted until it is compromised. Those of us who have sacrificed years and years of our lives training to take care of and serve our fellow human beings know this better than anyone else. Despite our well-intended efforts, we're constantly fighting an uphill battle with insurance carriers who impede our efforts while profiting immeasurably off of our backs. Moreover, policy makers have been complicit with cut after cut by marginalizing the very people who are uniquely qualified to provide care in this country. I don't know when this paradigm will end but I do know it's unsustainable. What is also unsustainable is working in a hospital that needs to be updated for safety reasons and to keep pace with the explosive rate of advancements we're seeing in medicine. Here is a unique opportunity for you to do something that is right and actually gives doctors a better chance to do what we're trained to do at the top of our skill level.

This hospital takes care of patients from all walks of life and from a myriad of communities which extend well beyond the zip code the hospital resides in. During COVID, what we all learned was that wealth or insurance had little to do with receiving care. Rather, access to care is what became the most critical factor. The approval of this project speaks to access more than anything else. It provides the opportunity to have a facility which can

open its arms to sick people from all areas. This hospital is one of the few private enterprises which does charity work and pays a plethora of taxes which go back into the community. El Camino hospital and Stanford hospital cannot make the same claims. That point cannot be lost on anyone and it disturbs me when the term not-for-profit merely represents a scheme for tax advantages.

Even though I have been a practicing physician for a quarter of a century at Good Samaritan Hospital, it's important to point out that I have also been a patient. When I was diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer, this was the hospital I chose to come to and I was treated In a very kind and timely manner which probably saved my life. In a lot of other healthcare systems, the wait would have been too long and I'm not sure I would have had the ability to write this letter today. Besides my own healthcare experiences, my wife has had major surgery at the hospital as has my sister and my youngest child was even born here. This is a wonderful community hospital deserving of a sorely needed upgrade to continue providing the incredible services to all members of the surrounding communities. Please look into your hearts to see the valuable asset Good Samaritan Hospital is and what it can be for the future of our communities.
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Sincerely,

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FW: Letter of Support for Good Samaritan Hospital

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November 14th, 2024

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Without this approval, patient care will be negatively impacted and would potentially prevent life-saving care such as this patient experience. Earlier this year, Good Samaritan Hospital's Labor and Delivery department faced a medical emergency when a mother experienced a stage III postpartum hemorrhage after giving birth. The rapid response team was immediately summoned and the L&D nurses, physicians, blood bank, pharmacy and lab worked together seamlessly to provide top-quality care to the patient in need.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Paulina Tam
Vice President, Operations
[redacted]

November 14th, 2024

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From: David Kohanchi <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 2:19 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041

David Kohanchi MD
Cardiac Anesthesiologist
11/14/2024

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Patient safety and well being are at the forefront of every medical provider. We work tirelessly to diagnose, treat, and manage patients in the most efficacious way possible. To that end, access to care **WILL ALWAYS** be important.

Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) represents the pinnacle, in my opinion, of high level medical care in the privatized setting. Its location in Silicon Valley, its reputation as an esteemed and well recognized facility, and its world class physicians are second to none.

Doctors move here with the sole purpose of working at GSH (myself included, in spite of the cost of living).

Again, **ACCESS TO CARE** is the goal. GSH is among the only hospitals in the area with a robust labor and delivery service. Which includes in house Anesthesia services, Neonatal services, NICU capabilities, and multiple dedicated L+D operating rooms. It is also one of the only hospitals with a 24/7 functioning emergency access cath lab and stroke center. There are no hospitals in the area with a cath lab as functional as ours; a quick discussion with the nurses, techs, and medical providers would provide that insight. We also have electrophysiology procedures virtually every operative day, because of 3-4 Cardiology Electrophysiologists (a subspecialty in high demand with very few providers nationally, comparatively Kaiser has around 7 -8 in the state). Effectively that means that if you have a life threatening arrhythmia, GSH and its providers can help diagnose and treat your condition with far superiority to most places in the country. Others **wait years** to have ablation procedures (afib ablation, svt ablation, VT ablation, aflutter ablation) that we do with relative frequency. The importance of this role in the community cannot be overstated, for it truly life altering for the local community. Oftentimes, certain academic surgeons operate at GSH because it provides **faster access to care** for their patients. I can't tell you how often we perform breast cancer resection and spine surgery on patients that can't get into Stanford's OR schedule. These are Stanford surgeons and their patients that come into our community because we have **FASTER ACCESS TO CARE.**

As a Cardiac Anesthesiologist, I'm called to GSH often for emergent cardiac surgery. GSH has an entire dedicated Cardiac nursing team, Cardiac Anesthesia line (8 providers), 3 cardiac surgeons, and 2 on - call Perfusionists at all hours of day. These providers work tirelessly to perform lifesaving procedures on a weekly basis. With very few exceptions, we are among elite hospitals to manage tertiary and quaternary emergent cardiac surgery. If someone in the community were to have an Aortic Dissection, GSH is one of only a select few hospitals that could save your life. If someone were to have any variation on Acute Coronary Syndromes, I am firm in the belief that coming to GSH significantly increases your likelihood of survival relative to other hospitals (if any) in the area.

Within the last 4 years, I brought my daughter into the ED multiple times for emergencies. She had a febrile seizure as an infant that could have changed the course of her life and ours, but due to the skill and access to care at GSH the outcome was excellent. She also had a URI with superimposed pneumonia requiring inpatient hospitalization that I truly believe went favorably because of the GSH staff. The nurses were superb and the providers were second to none.

San Jose attracts the best minds in the world. Those minds are smart and attentive to details. Having access to some of the best medical care in the country is at the top of their lists of needs. REMOVE GSH from that equation and healthcare suffers a tremendous irreparable loss. Not to mention one of the driving forces to the most educated physicians in the country (Stanford, Harvard, UCSF grads all want to come here) and worldly thinkers that care to live in communities with access to care for their loved ones.

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David Kohanchi MD

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FW: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

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From: Amanda Wold [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:05 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: mqayyum100[redacted]
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Please see the attached Good Samaritan Hospital support letters from our 3 physicians.
Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Amanda Wold
Practice Manager

Mohammed S. Qayyum, MD, PhD
Ethan HM. Daniels, MD
Dana M Weisshaar, MD
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Mohammed S. Qayyum, MD, PHD
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Physician Statement

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Sincerely,

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Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital, as outlined in Item 10.2 of the upcoming City Council agenda. As a Medical Social Work Manager with over 22 years of experience in healthcare, I have seen firsthand how essential Good Samaritan Hospital is to the well-being of our community.

Attached to this email, you will find a letter detailing my experiences and the significant positive impact this hospital has had on the lives of many, particularly among vulnerable populations. I strongly urge you to approve the seismic retrofitting proposal to ensure that Good Samaritan Hospital can continue to provide critical care and support to the residents of San Jose.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Best regards,
Frieda Gebremichael
[redacted]

Frieda Gebremichael
Medical Social Work Manager
11/14/2024

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

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As a Medical Social Work Manager with 7 years of experience at Good Samaritan Hospital and a total of 22 and a half years with HCA Healthcare, including the remainder of my career as a social worker, I believe it is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

Good Samaritan Hospital has always been a beacon of hope for some of the most vulnerable members of our community, including those experiencing homelessness. I've witnessed firsthand how the hospital provides not just medical care, but a compassionate environment where individuals facing homelessness receive life-saving treatments. One case that stands out is of a homeless patient who came to the ER severely ill. The team not only provided emergency care but also worked diligently to connect the patient with vital social services, offering a path to stable housing and continued medical support.

Approximately a year ago, I had a patient who was waiting for her housing voucher and needed care that could only be provided by her daughter, who was also experiencing homelessness. The patient needed to stay in a safe place for about three months while awaiting the arrival of her voucher. Hospital administration had no hesitation in covering the costs for both the patient and her daughter to stay at the Extended Stay America for three months, paid for by HCA Healthcare. This level of compassion and support went beyond medical care and provided the patient with a safe, stable environment as she navigated the challenges of homelessness.

In another instance, many young patients who arrived in San Jose with nowhere to go expressed a desire to return to different parts of the United States to be closer to their families. Good Samaritan's administration stepped in, covering transportation costs for these patients to travel via Amtrak, Caltrain, and other public transportation options of their choice. This allowed them to reunite with their families, ensuring they received continued care and support in a familiar, nurturing environment.

Good Samaritan Hospital plays a crucial role in providing emergency, surgical, and specialized care. If the retrofitting is not approved, it may force the hospital to limit its services or even close certain departments, which would leave many patients without access to the care they need. This could have a devastating impact on the local population, particularly for those with chronic health issues or in need of urgent medical care.

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 also ensure that Good Samaritan Hospital remains operational for the residents of San Jose, continuing to provide vital care to our community.

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

Sincerely,
Frieda Gebremichael (MSW)

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From: Mark Jamieson [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:44 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mark Jamieson, MD
Director of Pediatric Anesthesia
November 14, 2024

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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 at 2333 and 2425 Samaritan Drive

I am writing to convey my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. The hospital's infrastructure has aged considerably, with procedure rooms that require expansion to accommodate modern, larger equipment with upgraded electrical and plumbing. In comparison to newer facilities in the area, the current state of the hospital presents certain limitations that impact the work environment and service delivery. Fortunately, HCA is prepared to make a substantial investment in building upgrades and renovations, ensuring the hospital can meet contemporary standards and continue providing high quality care.

Good Samaritan Hospital is a cornerstone of our community's healthcare infrastructure. It provides critical, life-saving services and compassionate care that benefits patients, families, and the wider community. Throughout my tenure, I have seen countless patients whose lives were transformed by the quality of care we provide. This hospital has repeatedly proven its dedication to the well-being of our community, addressing not only immediate health needs but also supporting long-term wellness.

The proposed retrofitting aligns with state-mandated requirements designed to strengthen the safety and structural integrity of healthcare facilities. Meeting these standards is not merely regulatory compliance—it is a commitment to safeguarding our patients and staff in a facility that the community relies upon in emergencies and beyond.

I strongly urge you to approve this proposal. Doing so will ensure that Good Samaritan Hospital remains operational and can maintain the high standards of continuing its mission of service to the San Jose community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your dedication to the welfare of San Jose's residents.

Sincerely,

Mark Jamieson

Mark Jamieson, M.D.

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The honorable Members of the City Council of the City of San Jose.

I would like to respectfully write your good office regarding my support for the planned development of Good Samaritan Hospital. I am attaching herewith
A letter in support thereof.

Thank you for your time, and the kindness to read and consider.

Best regards,

Jenny

Jennifer Poblete, MSN, BSN, CCRN
Nurse Manager - CVICU
[redacted]

Jennifer Poblete
November 14, 2024

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I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. As a critical care nurse for 36 years and a nurse leader at Good Samaritan Hospital for the last 19 months I am 100 % supportive of this initiative. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community. The question as to why Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community what I would like to strongly answer with this support letter.

> Emergency and health services are essential services to maintaining a heathy community. Likened to the presence of Fire Departments, and Police departments, whereas there is no set distance as required by law, the ideal placement aims to ensure that at any point within the city can be reached within reasonable response time around 4-8 minutes. If the SJFD and SJPD is expected to respond within those time frames, is it not equally imperative that Good Samaritan Hospital remains open to receive these patients and provide the highest quality of health care services especially to our patients requiring medical emergencies such as Cardiac Arrests, and Strokes as we are a comprehensive Cardiac and Stroke center? Our doors have been open to respond to these emergencies, 24/7, in the last 19 months, we never diverted any single resident of our community, and nearby cities and towns requiring medical attention.
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> From my own personal perspective both as a leader, a clinician, and a member of the community, the presence of Good Samaritan will prevent delay in provision of care due to inability of EMS to reach hospital in a timely manner. This project , when approved, which I believe you will agree in con census to proceed, will greatly promote a healthy community.
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> As a Good Sam employee, I can speak boldly of what my department has done for the communities you and I serve, my honorable city council members.
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> For the last 11 months, we performed at least 150 open heart surgeries due to severe heart conditions requiring extensive heart surgeries to repair and replace valves or heart bypass , this number does not include the stents implanted for those who suffered from

STEMI, and the Brain surgeries our teams performed, and excellent care that our hospital GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL afforded our communities to allow them to go back home to their families and workplace. Those 150 recipients of extensive heart interventions could have been you, your loved ones, your friends, and staff. Good Sam does not only treat our patients - your families, and friends, co workers, and staff – we prepare them to maintain a healthy, functional life so that they can go back to you in their community and their loved ones. Don't you want to be part of that decision for them? TO have a hospital within their reach? Our presence in this community does not only their clamor for health care ACCESSIBILITY, it also allows families to care for their loved ones within their neighborhoods.

I attest that we provide excellent care. I do not only speak for myself, it is what our patients say about the care we provide. Good Samaritan hospital ranks in Top 100 hospitals for Critical Care (I can only speak for what I am passionate about – being in critical care for the last 25 years.) My Cardio-Vascular ICU ranks in the 91st percentile rank for patient experience as of to date based on the Press Ganey scores. Like myself, I believe you want to have excellent care within the reach of the population who trusted us to look after their care. When approved, we do not only collaborate to promote a healthy community, but also ensure that we are authentically present for our communities, in health and in sickness. Good Samaritan is actively involve in community services and activities too., We are here, we are visible, and we are a part of the San Jose City family. We provide jobs, and opportunities to the people you serve too.,

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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,

Jennifer Poblete

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Subject: Support letter for Good Samaritan Hospital

Cynthia Abalos, MSN, RN, CRRN

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Cynthia Abalos
Nurse Director for Inpatient Acute Rehab and Wound Care Center
November 14, 2024

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"I am residence of this community for 32 years and Good Samaritan Hospital is our families go to hospital. I have 3 children, I delivered my first child at Kaiser Hospital, second child at Good Samaritan hospital and my third one at Community Hospital of Los Gatos. Among this 3 hospitals Good Samaritan Hospital was the only hospital that exceeded our expectation. I had excellent experience, the nurses, doctors ,nursing assistant and housekeepers make me felt like their own family when they took care of me, my baby and that care and compassion was exceeded to my husband and my immediate family members. When my husband had surgery, same experience was rendered to him, the staff are very compassionate, thoughtful and every staff member were very respectful. My family had experienced the care from emergency room to being an inpatient and both situation the care was excellent and we were treated like a family.

It will be a great loss for this community if the project is not approved. I don't want to see the staff being displaced, who have worked to this hospital for many years to serve the community where they live and the patient they loved. Good Samaritan Hospital provides excellent care to all the people they served. As a nurse leader working here, multiple times patient comes to me how they like the accessibility of the hospital, the excellent care they received and the family atmosphere.

My plea is to approve this project for the community that Good Samaritan serve like myself, my family, friend and the surrounding neighbors."

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Sincerely, ***Cynthia Abalos***

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 4:22 PM
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Ricardo B Ronquillo, MD
G2 Anesthesia, Partner
11/14/2024

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

Sincerely,

Ricardo B. Ronquillo, MD

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Please note the attached
Thank you.
Janice. M Roberts

Member of Board of Trustees
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Janice M Roberts
Board Trustee, Good Samaritan Hospital
November 14, 2024

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200 East Santa Clara Street
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- The Good Samaritan Hospital is an essential resource for the San Jose community with an excellent team of doctors, nurses, operational and support staff. I have seen first hand the improvements that continue to be made with investments in, the quality of patient care, new services and capabilities, equipment, technology, training and community outreach. There is much more to come and many exciting plans.

- Personally, I feel a strong connection to the hospital. Thirty years ago, my son was born at the hospital, followed two years later by the birth of my daughter. With two active children engaged in many sports I have made good use of the ER! Along the way my daughter had a serious and lengthy back surgery at the hospital and my son needed treatments related to seizures. I have always experienced the very best care from the hospital staff for my family. Having a first class hospital in our community has been a major highlight of living here; and, as for many families, a major source of comfort.

- I joined the Board of Trustees because of the importance of the Good Samaritan Hospital to our community; and because I was inspired by the leadership of CEO Patrick Rohan and the support, ambition and investment from HCA. The hospital must continue to meet the evolving needs of patients and the growth of our community. We need a "leading edge" hospital in order to deliver advanced, safe care and services to our patients; and to enable our staff to do their very best work. It is therefore essential to move forward with the planned development and expansion of the hospital and to meet our timelines.

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

Yours Sincerely

Janice M Roberts

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 10:05 AM
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From: George Montanari [redacted]
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George Montanari
2024 Chairman of the Board other Trustees

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.

As the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with six years of experience on the Board and a life long resident. 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 am writing to express my STRONG support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital.

1- This hospital has served the City of San Jose for decades and has been a pillar of the community. Let it continue.

2- Closing this hospital would put thousands of peoples lives at high risk. Good Sam has treated more non insured patients than Stanford and El Camino combined.

3- San Jose has a chance to have a world class hospital as the capital of Silicon Valley.

4- Retro fitting to the new seismic mandate is not optional. Either San Jose builds a new modern state of the art facility or close/reduce this critical hospital

5- Good Samaritan is planning on investing over One Billion dollars without using taxpayer funds.

If you reject Good Sam's proposal, what will you tell your fellow citizen?

It is time for San Jose and Silicon Valley to have a world class Hospital!!

Sincerely

George Montanari

Chairman of the Board

George Montanari
Sales Manager
[redacted]

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: James Lilja, MD <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:11 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject:

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

Dear City Council,

I'm writing representing four Board Certified community GYN doctors: Drs. Katherine Volpe, Victor Velasco, Cici Liu and myself, James Lilja. We are a growing GYN surgery practice operating primarily out of Good Samaritan and other community hospitals including O'Connor, El Camino Los Gatos and Mt. View. Our community practice, Bay Area Gynecology Oncology (BAGO) has approximately 12,000 office encounters and 4,000 surgeries per year in the GYN surgery specialty which is underserved in most communities throughout the United States. 90% of BAGO's surgeries are at HCA's Good Samaritan hospital. My 20+ year practice/the BAGO clinic exists today due to the actions of HCA Good Samaritan 20+ years ago when HCA recruited me from Pittsburg, PA to San Jose. There is a very high probability I or my BAGO colleagues have operated on at least one of the women in your circle of family, friends and co-workers. We pride ourselves on providing quality care independent of the pressures of large systems, please know that modern community based hospitals are a foundation of delivering quality independent care.

This letter written in support of HCA Good Samaritan's proposed hospital building plans, to be frank they are 10 years past due. A vote in support of the building plans is a vote in support of optimizing the delivery of quality and safe care. A facility has a profound impact on the quality of services and the medical community desires the modernization of Good Samaritan in the same way San Jose City Hall was modernized 20 years ago.

I am unsure what subjective commentary you might need or objective data points would be interesting to you so I invite you or your staff to call BAGO 408.827.4274 and ask for my personal cell so that you can connect directly with me to obtain any information you might need to make a decision about the impact of approving the proposed building plans. Just ask for Heather or Ken and one of them will provide my cell phone number.

Please call with any questions,
Thank You,

/signed James F. Lilja, MD

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FW: 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.

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 10:09 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Melissa Lynch [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 9:25 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: 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.

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital, as a physician at 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 been an Emergency Physician at Good Samaritan since 2005, and also live in the neighborhood and take my family here as patients. Good Samaritan is an amazing resource: a top tier surgical, cardiac and stroke center for our community, with outstanding doctors and nurses. While there have been missteps from HCA corporate in the past which caused distrust, I have personally seen the change in attitude over the past several years with a major investment in the hospital, staff and patients. Our hospital leadership and staff are committed to the community, and it would be a huge loss to the county if we cannot retrofit to meet state requirements.

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.

Melissa Lynch MD
Department of Emergency Medicine, Vice Chair

Outlook

FW: Letter of support for proposed seismic retrofitting of Good Samaritan Hospital

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 10:08 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Richard Baiardo <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 7:04 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Letter of support for proposed seismic retrofitting of Good Samaritan Hospital

City Clerk,

Please include my letter of support in the official meeting materials 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.

Thank you,
Richard Baiardo

14 November 2024

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.

A resident of San Jose since 1965 and retired nursing counselor at Evergreen Valley College for 34 years, I am writing to express my strong support for the seismic retrofitting proposal for Good Samaritan Hospital. I have been a patient for 24 years with Good Samaritan Hospital, my three children were born there and hundreds of my former nursing students interned at the hospital.

On 10 September 2001 while participating in an Evergreen Valley College conditioning class, I experienced an episode of sudden mental disorientation. Fearing a possible stroke my wife rushed me to Good Samaritan Hospital where I was treated in its renowned **Comprehensive Stroke Center**. The inability to process any memory function lasted 6 hours. Diagnosis was Transient Global Amnesia. Thanks to the superb and prompt care of Dr. Harmeet Sachdev and the Comprehensive Stroke Center medical staff, I recovered fully and have continued preventative care to this day.

Put simply if you or a loved one were to experience a sudden brain disorder, your chances of survival and recovery are exponentially enhanced if taken quickly to Good Samaritan Hospital. One of the advantages of living in our area is the advanced medical care available. We enjoy an essential community asset that should not be taken for granted but protected and enhanced. The prudent decision is to approve the proposed seismic retrofitting that will improve the structural integrity and safety of our hospital in the event of a projected future major earthquake.

I strongly urge you to approve this proposal.

Sincerely,

Richard Baiardo

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FW: Letter to San Jose CIty Council

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Allison Souza [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:56 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Letter to San Jose CIty Council

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Dear City Clerk-

Attached is a letter I have composed to show my support for this project and Good Samaritan Hospital. I realize that the letters were to be submitted by 5pm today, but I did not receive the email with the time deadline until tonight. I hope you will be able to attach it along with the other letters you have received.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Allison Souza

Allison Souza

[redacted]

November 14, 2024

To: The San Jose City Council

Re: **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.**

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I apologize that I may not be there in person to show my support for Good Samaritan Hospital. I wanted to express my concern that you would consider NOT approving the Seismic retrofitting of the hospital. I no longer live in the area, but this hospital is a key to keeping the community safe! While there are other hospitals in the area, the service that Good Samaritan Hospital provides is second to none.

Thirteen years ago, I suffered a brain aneurysm at home in Campbell. These are typically life ending events. But the Neurology team of Good Sam not only saved my life, they were able to keep my life intact, so that today, I am able to compose a letter to present to you with no deficits.

The only moment I recall being lucid after the paramedics arrived and stabilized me, was the moment they were taking me out to the ambulance. The Fire Capitan asked my husband which hospital he wanted me to go to. He said, “I guess O’Connor.” I yelled out, “No! Good Sam!” The Capitan said, “Well, I guess she knows where she wants to go.” Had I not been brought to the skilled Team of Good Sam, I am positive I would not be here today.

To NOT maintain a hospital of Good Samaritan’s caliber would not only be a huge loss to the community but the lives of so many people would suffer. So many lives would be lost without this hospital. It takes years to assemble teams in all areas of medicine that provide the great service of this hospital.

By NOT approving a project of this importance would be devastating. They are only asking that you let them move forward to make the hospital as safe as possible for future staff and patients. By simply approving the permit, will allow them to move forward to meet the time requirement mandated by the state and provide continued service and care to the Greater San Jose area. San Jose will continued to be

known for their unmatched medical services and a community that takes care of their residents and businesses.

While I no longer live in the area, the Silicon Valley is a great place and extremely important part of this nation. You must help to keep San Jose on the cutting edge.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Allison Honjiyo-Souza

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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From: Noemi Conway [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 9:22 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear Ms. Toni Taber,

I hope this message finds you well. I am submitting attached letter from the Stroke Awareness Foundation in support for:
Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital
Please confirm receipt of this email at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your help expediting this request.

Sincerely,
Noemi

Noemi Conway
Executive Director
Stroke Awareness Foundation
STROKE AWARENESS FOUNDATION
51 E. Campbell Ave. Ste. 106-M
Campbell, CA 95008
[redacted]

STROKE
AWARENESS
FOUNDATION

November 13, 2024

The Honorable Matt Mahan, Mayor of San Jose
The Honorable Rosemary Kamei, Vice Mayor of San Jose
The Honorable Sergio Jimenez, Councilmember
The Honorable David Cohen, Councilmember
The Honorable Peter Ortiz, Councilmember
The Honorable Dev Davis, Councilmember
The Honorable Bien Doan, Councilmember
The Honorable Domingo Candelas, Councilmember
The Honorable Pam Foley, Councilmember
The Honorable Arjun Batra, Councilmember

RE: SUPPORT for PDC22-132 & ER23-041 PD Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site

Dear Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei and Councilmembers:

The Stroke Awareness Foundation (SAF) is a leading force dedicated to better health outcomes for stroke victims in our region. We do this through public awareness, education, and advocacy aimed at improving stroke systems and supporting stroke certification. Stroke remains the #1 cause of adult disability and the #5 leading cause of death in both our region and the nation. Since its founding 23 years ago, SAF has remained "hospital neutral" with our focus solely on enhancing stroke patient care.

The SAF Board of Directors urge you to **SUPPORT** the proposed PD Rezoning and Certification of the EIR.

To maintain comprehensive certification and comply with stroke certification agency standards, Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) must have the necessary ICU capacity to manage stroke cases from the local community as well as more severe cases transferred from outside the area. The proposed expansion of GSH would best serve the community and ensure the highest level of care for stroke patients.

It should be noted that SAF is mindful of past actions proposed and taken by Health Corporation of America (HCA) at its sister hospital Regional Medical Center (RMC). SAF was on record, at that time, as strenuously objecting to HCA plans of reducing trauma services—including reducing Stroke care services—at RMC. In our judgement, HCA actions at RMC were not at all in the best interests of our community, particularly for our most vulnerable citizens. Santa Clara County is now in the process of acquiring RMC.

But to be clear, despite HCA's shortcoming of judgment in the RMC instance—SAF is confident that the GSH proposal is in the best interest of the citizens of San Jose and Santa Clara County, just as the recent Kaiser project—approved by the City of San Jose—was right for the citizens of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

Thank you.

STROKE AWARENESS FOUNDATION

[redacted]

Charles J. Toeniskoetter, Chairman

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 3:44 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dr. Fahd R Khan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 2:35 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support for Item 10.2 PDC22-132 & ER23-041 - Planned Development Rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear San Jose City Council,

I am a neurosurgeon in San Jose and Good Samaritan Hospital has been my primary hospital since 2012.

I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of a new hospital in our community. As someone who has witnessed the growing healthcare needs in our area, I believe a new facility would serve as a vital resource, providing invaluable support to patients, families, and the broader community.

A new hospital would be more than just a building; it would be a beacon of hope and healing. Modern facilities would enable the latest medical technologies and services, ensuring patients receive the highest standard of care. With advanced diagnostic tools, expanded treatment options, and state-of-the-art infrastructure, a new hospital would not only enhance the quality of care but also reduce the burden on existing healthcare systems, which are currently stretched to capacity.

For families, having access to a well-equipped hospital close to home is life-changing. It minimizes the stress of long commutes for treatment, enables more timely interventions during emergencies, and fosters a sense of security knowing that top-tier medical care is just around the corner.

On a personal note, we have a tremendous neurosurgery program and perform cutting edge surgery to heal and also save lives of patients from across Northern California. This experience underscored for me the importance of accessible, high-quality medical care and highlighted the limitations of our current infrastructure.

Failing to build a new hospital would have significant consequences. The existing facilities would continue to be overburdened, potentially leading to longer wait times, reduced availability of specialized care, and increased patient and staff stress. These shortcomings not only affect physical health outcomes but also take a toll on mental health and community morale.

A new hospital is an investment in the future—our health, well-being, and community resilience. I strongly urge the San Jose City Council to move forward with this initiative, recognizing its profound and lasting benefits.

Thank you for considering my perspective. Please feel free to contact me if additional support or information is needed.

Regards,

FAHD

Fahd R. Khan, MD, MSE, MPH, FAANS, FACS
Board Certified Neurosurgeon

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FW: Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Dan Wu [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:06 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear Good Samaritan Hospital Administration,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to propose an expansion of the inpatient mental health services at Good Samaritan Hospital, specifically to reintroduce and expand the previously lost 18 inpatient mental health beds to a new capacity of 30 beds.

As an institution deeply rooted in our community, Good Samaritan Hospital has always stood as a beacon of hope and healing, much like the oak tree that has been a symbol of our strength and growth since our founding. The hospital's commitment to treating the whole person - body, mind, and spirit - has been unwavering since its inception in 1965.

Our founders' vision of a hospital with a dual purpose - to provide comprehensive care and to meet the needs of a growing population - is as relevant today as it was when the first discussions took place in living rooms and coffee shops across Silicon Valley in the early 1960s. The expansion of our mental health services aligns perfectly with this original intent and our ongoing mission.

The proposed expansion from 18 to 30 inpatient mental health beds represents a significant opportunity to address the growing need for mental health services in our community. This increase in capacity will allow us to better serve those in need, embodying the spirit of the Good Samaritan after whom our hospital is named.

Throughout our history, Good Samaritan Hospital has consistently grown and adapted to meet the evolving needs of our community. From doubling in size between 1968 and 1974 to becoming a leader in various medical fields in the 1980s and 1990s, our hospital has always risen to the challenge of providing cutting-edge care.

Given the organization's current financial strength and ongoing expansion in multiple areas, this is an opportune time to reinvest in our mental health services. This expansion will not only honor our past commitments but also strengthen our ability to serve our community comprehensively in the future.

Just as the original oak tree was replaced with a new one, carefully nurtured to thrive in our evolving environment, so too can we nurture and grow our mental health services to meet the changing needs of our patients.

I kindly request your consideration of this proposal. By expanding our inpatient mental health services, we can further fulfill our mission of treating the whole person and continue to be a pillar of comprehensive healthcare in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I

Sincerely,
Daniel Wu

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FW: Support letter

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 7:58 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Johanes Swenberg <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 5:53 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support letter

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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.

Johanes swenberg
Patient
November 15.2024

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. I am former patient who survived a stroke in 2014 due to this facility and it's staff. It is critical that this proposal be approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

Simply put, Good Samaritan saved my life and does so for many stroke victims. The facility is a vital hospital for the surrounding community. Without this hospital the community will suffer from a lack of critical care.

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,
Johanes swenberg

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FW: Good Samaritan mental health beds restore

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

-----Original Message-----
From: Chris <[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2024 10:11 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan mental health beds restore

Please help us to restore the important resources of mental health beds that were cut by Good Samaritan hospital. It was a highly rated service that was critically important to those who needed it.

I have dealt with bad faith from Good Samaritan before. When they first took over the hospital, they turned down the support of the Santa Clara county program for the homeless and poor because it did not make them money. When they later realized that they would lose all the Medicare dollars they begged for weeks to get the contract coverage back even though it was well past the deadline. Everything was determined by dollars, not peoples needs. Don't trust them in anything.

Sincerely,
Christine Carroll
San Jose CA

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: John Forward <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 9:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

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Dear council members,

Subject: **Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital**

Please seriously consider the proposal to include expansion of the psychiatric beds that were reduced or eliminated last year and are absolutely needed in our community for a loved ones who are suffering and need extended psychiatric care at the hospital.

The absence of a bed in an emergency situation is critical not only for the patient but for the patient's family who may or may not be there to help their loved one.

Please consider expanding the number of psychiatric beds in your proposal.

Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to helping our community.

Sincerely,

:- John Forward

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Eileen Wu [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 1:57 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear San Jose City Councilmembers:

I am for restoring mental health services as part of the Good Samaritan Hospital expansion. As a NAMI member I was against closing the 18-bed inpatient psychiatric unit at Mission Oaks.

As someone who has received mental health services, I know there is a need for more inpatient psychiatric beds in Santa Clara County. I was an in-patient at the psychiatric unit at Mission Oaks. This unit at Mission Oaks was one of the best mental health units I was admitted to, in the county. The care and the environment were exceptional. I hope that in restoring mental health services at Mission Oaks, others can benefit from the high quality care that I experienced.

Sincerely,
Eileen Wu

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:14 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Shagufta Alavi <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 6:46 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

I am asking our city officials to advocate for restoring mental health services as part of the expansion approval. We are in dire need of mental health services and in-patient beds. Please, please bring back the beds at Good Samaritan Hospital and also expansion of mental health services.

Sincerely,

Shagufta Alavi
Sent from my iPhone

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 8:40 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Irene Spector <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 8:23 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

I would like to express my support to put back the mental health beds to Good Samaritan hospital. We are incredibly short of mental health resources in the county. We need to replace these beds ASAP. Even this is just a start to handle the current mental health crisis.

It doesn't save money not to have them as the cost is just shifted to other places like the criminal justice system or other services which are not effective and are just as expensive.

Please help us fix this critical problem.

Irene Spector

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 1:16 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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How is our service? Your feedback is appreciated!

From: Rashida Mirza <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 11:21 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, we are writing to express our strong support for the building of a new hospital at the Good Samaritan campus to serve the community. Our association firmly believes that a new, state-of-the-art facility is essential to meet the growing healthcare needs of our residents and to ensure access to high-quality, comprehensive medical services.

As you know, California law mandates that hospitals be upgraded to meet seismic safety requirements by 2030, underscoring the urgent need for a facility that ensures patient and staff safety in the event of an earthquake.

The current Good Samaritan Hospital infrastructure is outdated and unable to meet these state standards, which poses a risk to the community's health and well-being. A new hospital will provide a safe, resilient environment for patients and healthcare workers, while also expanding access to modern, high-quality care. Additionally, it will attract skilled healthcare professionals, boost local employment, and contribute to the economic growth of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

We respectfully urge the City of San Jose to prioritize this project to safeguard and strengthen the health of our community. The Santa Clara County Medical Association is fully committed to supporting this vital initiative and is ready to assist in any way possible.

Thank you for considering this essential investment in the health of our residents.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Gloria Wu, MD
President
Santa Clara County Medical Association

Fahd R. Khan, MD
President-Elect
Santa Clara County Medical Association

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Fw: Item 10.2: - Planned Development Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Fri 11/15/2024 1:59 PM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Moryt Milo [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 1:47 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2: - Planned Development Rezoning of the Good Samaritan Hospital Site

Hello Toni,

Attached is a letter from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) regarding item 10.2 the rezoning of Good Samaritan Hospital. Please attach the letter for the Mayor and Councilmembers to review prior to the November 19, 2024 City Council meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,
Moryt

Moryt Milo
Board Vice President
[redacted]

NAMI Santa Clara County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

November 15, 2024

Honorable Mayor Matt Mahan and San Jose City Councilmembers,

Good Samaritan Hospital has to meet the state's seismic updates by 2030, and San Jose has to address its mental health crisis. This should not put the hospital and city at cross purposes.

CEO Patrick Rohan told city councilmembers, "Deferring the decision is not just a delay. It effectively ensures that a vital community hospital will close, leaving this area of San Jose without access to acute care."

We ask CEO Rohan to step off the bully pulpit and stop these catastrophic threats, especially since this project was already delayed before a deferral was requested. Instead, work with San Jose to help restore the mental health services parent company, HCA Healthcare, stripped away last year because psychiatric care doesn't enhance the corporation's bottom line.

The hospital and city must find a way to align the proposed expansion in concert with the community it serves, and we would like to offer a suggestion to the San Jose City Council.

HCA is planning to construct two new hospital wings totaling 750,000 square feet. We would like HCA to consider carving out a very small portion, perhaps 11,000 square feet, barely over 1% of the total project for an 18-bed acute care psychiatric unit. This would restore what was lost when HCA closed the Mission Oaks facility last August.

We know it can be done because such a project was completed in Northern Michigan. And if not in the new facility, then restore the services at Mission Oaks.

It's also important to note that HCA plans to construct 200,000 square feet of medical office space. The average rent for medical office space can range from $30 to $50 a square foot in San Jose. At the low end that would bring in about $6 million per year, at the high end $10 million for new offices. That steady revenue stream would certainly help offset psychiatric costs.

The loss of those 18 beds might seem inconsequential to HCA, which occurred after Santa Clara County declared a mental health crisis last year. But in San Jose, a city with about half of the county's nearly two million population, every inpatient psychiatric hospital bed

can save a life. It can prevent someone from landing in jail or on the streets in mental health crisis. It can help many homeless residents in San Jose who suffer from severe mental illness.

The recommended ratio is 50 beds to 100,000 people, according to the California Hospital Association. Our county is already short more than 900 beds, according to the association's most recent annual psychiatric bed report.

Of course we want Good Samaritan to be up to code. But a corporation that brings in billions annually needs to give too. HCA is touting that the project will result in a net increase of 958 new jobs. We want some of those nearly 1,000 jobs to last beyond construction and end up in the hands of mental health clinicians and doctors, who care for some of our city's most vulnerable and voiceless residents.

We are asking City Councilmembers and HCA to find a mid-point on this issue. Please do not allow this loss of psychiatric beds to remain. Consider our option, find a way to repurpose some of the hospital space or restore the Mission Oaks facility. There is still time as the hospital begins work on the parking garage first.

A hospital can make a profit, but it can't be at the ongoing expense of the community it serves. Good Samaritan used to be viewed as a whole person care community hospital. It has been part of the West Valley and the entire region for generations. We have a chance to bring that back.

The hospital needs to help all, especially those who are unable to help themselves. We are counting on City Councilmembers to work it out with HCA and do the right thing for its residents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Board of Directors

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From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 11:23 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Sharon Bouska [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:18 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Item 10.2 Good Samaritan Hospital

Last August, NAMI Santa Clara and other NAMI affiliates protested the closure of the18-bed inpatient psychiatric unit at Mission Oaks, which is part of Good Samaritan.

The hospital is now asking the City Council to approve a $1.2-billion expansion. We are asking our city officials to advocate for restoring those mental health services as part of the expansion approval.

Thank You,
Sharon D. Bouska
District 9

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FW: Good Samaritan Hospital--SUPPORT

From City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Date Mon 11/18/2024 11:28 AM
To Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Bill Baron [redacted]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
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Subject: Good Samaritan Hospital--SUPPORT

Good Morning Mayor Mahan, Councilmembers Foley, Davis, Jimenez and Cohen:

Concerned with, and as a decades-long advocate for, better health outcomes for our community residents, I support the proposed PD Zoning for Good Samaritan Hospital. Having served on the Stroke Awareness Foundation's (SAF) Board of Directors for 23 years, it is imperative that we retain AND enhance stroke care in our community. The GSH proposal will do just that—similar to recent favorable action taken by the San Jose City Council on Kaiser San Jose's proposal.

I must share that I was personally disappointed in Health Corp of America's actions in association with Regional Medical Center. And, with and through the Stroke Awareness Foundation, objected to their plans at the time. However, that instance must not be used to derail what is otherwise a sound proposal at Good Sam. I understand the bitter taste one may have as a result, but better days are ahead for Regional and, more importantly, for the community. Let's turn the page and move forward.

It appears that a "win/win" has been outlined in your memo supporting the GSH proposal. I support your memo and encourage all council members to vote YES.

Thank you,
Bill Baron

William B. Baron
MANAGING PARTNER
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Outlook

FW: Bring back mental health beds

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November 14, 2024

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. I am both a Board of Trustee for Good Samaritan Hospital and have been for over 4 years, and I have been a long-standing residence of the Bay Area community for more than 30 years. It is critical that this proposal is approved in order to keep Good Samaritan Hospital open and in service to the San Jose community.

Good Samaritan Hospital has been my hospital of choice for decades and affiliation with Good Samaritan Hospital has been an important criteria when I have needed to select doctors for my personal care. My family members have also personally benefited from the care and expertise of Good Samaritan Hospital team members. My husband suffered from Sepsis a couple of times in the past, and access to quality professionals at Good Samaritan Hospital who took immediate action to appropriately care for my husband saved his life...not once but on two separate occasions. This is one of the biggest reasons why I joined the Board of Trustees for Good Samaritan Hospital. As I've tried to convey, ensuring that Good Samaritan Hospital continues to be a hospital that is accessible for me, my family, and friends is extremely important to me.

The proposed retrofitting aligns with state requirements aimed at enhancing the safety and structural integrity of healthcare facilities, ensuring that mandated standards are met. And, as you know, moving forward to

meeting the state deadlines without delay is critically important.

I strongly urge you to approve this proposal. By doing so, you would allow this hospital (my hospital) to not only comply with state requirements but ensure the hospital remains operational for all residents of San Jose into the future as a safe and sound healthcare facility.

Sincerely,
Carol Jones
Sr. Benefits Manager

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