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*****OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL*****

“For 250 years, Laguna Honda Hospital has been a critical asset for our community, specializing in providing skilled care for a diverse array of patients from all walks of life. As a hospital that has to adhere to high standards to meet state and federal compliance requirements, Laguna Honda Hospital has been working diligently to correct its standards for ensuring the safety and well-being of the patients and staff. Despite these efforts, we are bound by a Federal decision to prepare a transition and relocation plan for patients. The risk of losing Medicare/Medi-Cal is alarming and unsettling. The Department of Public Health must do everything they can to mitigate the impacts for the sake of the high risk patients who depend on their care. I appreciate the level of transparency from the Laguna Honda Hospital leadership and their willingness to be accountable. I want to express my support to the over 700 residents in Laguna Honda and their families. While the Hospital must prepare for the worst case scenario, please know that we will not give up. As a City, we are united and we will stop at nothing to save Laguna Honda. That is our firm and unwavering commitment. I will continue to monitor this issue closely and want to assure the residents and their families that this is an issue we take seriously and will work proactively to resolve.”