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August 6, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach in support of negotiations between SEIU Healthcare Workers West and Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center, in an effort to seek safety improvement to the workplace for the caregivers, patients, and the surrounding community.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of July 23, 2013, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE SEIU
UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS WEST CAREGIVERS
CALL FOR SAFETY AND CARE AT TELECARE LA CASA

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2012, caregivers at Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center voted to form a union with SEIU United Healthcare Workers West to address safety and workplace issues; and

WHEREAS, members of SEIU United Healthcare Workers West at La Casa have been seeking improvements to safety and general workplace issues through contract negotiations with hospital management at Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center for more than a year with no resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Telecare Corporation has received more than \$113 million from Los Angeles County taxpayers over the last four years; and

WHEREAS, there are alarming reports of safety and care incidents at Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach supports the members of SEIU United Healthcare Workers West at Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center in their negotiations for a contract that includes safety and care improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach will continue to work with caregivers to facilitate a speedy resolution to contract negotiations with hospital management at Telecare La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach calls on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to conduct a full audit of all facilities owned by the Telecare Corporation in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach will review the authority to address

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safety concerns related to the operation of the La Casa Mental Health and Rehabilitation facility, and related operations including the transportation of patients by Telecare, through city ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council supports that no employee should have to risk being assaulted while on the job and supports a safe work environment for patients, caregivers, and the Long Beach community.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of August 6, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk