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Subject: Opposition to City Lifting the Deed for Community Hospital

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Hi Councilwoman Allen and Rahul,

I hope you're doing well. We've met before, most recently at the Carroll Park Association general meeting, but as a reminder, I'm the current Treasurer and Past Secretary of the Carroll Park Association. I'm also the current Secretary of the Community Hospital of Long Beach Foundation and I've been a member for 9 years.

Not only am I a resident in a district that desperately needs emergency department services, but along with my fellow CHLB Foundation Board members, I spent several years and volunteer hours to help find a new operator for Community Hospital and for it to reopen. I personally was very surprised and disappointed at the announcement that the emergency department is closing. **The Board has issued a public statement on this, which I've attached here and I echo these sentiments loudly and strongly.** We raised funds for the emergency room and for the seismic issues, and we have a duty to our donors to make sure that their dollars are spent in the manner in which they wish. While I agree that there is a huge need for mental health services and wellness, it should not come at the expense of a functioning emergency department.

I understand that Mr. Molina has asked the City to lift the acute care deed restriction. I will not be able to attend the council public comment session on 11/16 at 3:00 PM, but **please know that this email serves as registration of my opposition.** I expect you will hear from other Board members, our donors, the residents who use the hospital and others to oppose the lifting of the deed restriction as well.

I also understand that this will have to go to a public Council vote on December 7. **I URGE Councilwoman Allen to OPPOSE lifting the acute care deed restriction and explore all options to find alternative operators or other solutions to make sure that the emergency department stays open on the Eastside of Long Beach.**

Please respond to this email acknowledging that the 2nd District received my position and I would also like a response as to the Councilwoman's current and future position on this issue.

Thank you,
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Ray Burton, Chair, CHLB Foundation
Matthew Faulkner, Executive Director, CHLB Foundation