



COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LONG BEACH FOUNDATION

Supporting Community Hospital Long Beach since 1972

November 16, 2021

Dear Mayor Garcia and City Council,

The Community Hospital Long Beach Foundation is approaching our 50th year (2022) of supporting and sustaining acute care and emergency medical services for our community. Over our five decades the Foundation has focused its efforts on the vitally important work of sustaining this critical medical infrastructure for the health and well-being of our community.

We believe the support that we have recently provided to the facility, owned by the City of Long Beach, to help reopen Community Hospital, has been both in accordance with both our organizational mission and the objectives of our community.

The Foundation's one million dollar gift made to support the development of the seismic compliance construction plan revealed without a doubt that Community Hospital could continue as an acute care facility. This could include both inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services.

The decision to close the hospital and emergency department, at this publicly owned facility, requires an appropriate level of community participation and input. The community must be fully able to rely on a transparent and inclusive process for any current or future plans regarding Community Hospital.

While we believe the proposed Long Beach Community Wellness Campus may well provide important health care services for our community, we are fully committed to exhausting all viable options to sustain the life-saving services that the hospital has provided over its nearly 100 year history.

We implore you to more fully include the community in your decision making process going forward and to consider all options to sustain Community Hospital of Long Beach.

Thank you,

Board of Directors
Community Hospital of Long Beach Foundation