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President

December 17, 2014

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Attorney General Kamala Harris
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RE: Sale of Daughters of Charity Care Hospitals to Prime Healthcare

Paulette Simpson Gipson
3rd Vice President

Dear Attorney General Harris,

Ida M. Johnson
Secretary

On behalf of the California State Conference of the NAACP and its 62 branches statewide, we to urge you to consider granting your approval of the proposed sale of DCHS to Prime Healthcare in order to save these hospitals for the underserved communities they serve.

Olivia Verrett
Assistant Secretary

The fact that Daughters can no longer continue their sponsorship of the hospitals is a regrettable development for many the poor and vulnerable communities they have faithfully served over the past 150 years. We are seriously concerned that there will not be a continuation of care for these communities.

Carolyn Veal Hunter
Treasurer

Prime Healthcare has agreed to purchase and operate all five of the DCHS hospitals as acute care facilities and it has promised not to restrict the community's healthcare choices and to maintain existing levels of charity care for the poor. We are confident that Prime will continue services at the level of DCHS and will agree to be bound by any necessary condition imposed by your office. These communities need continuity of care and not consolidation that potentially reduces services.

Waudier Rucker-Huges
Area Director Southeast

Ronald Hasson
Area Director Southwest

We believe that the approval of the proposed sale of DCHS to Prime Healthcare is in the public's best interest in that Prime Healthcare's proposal:

Delois Edwards
Area Director North

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Area Director Central

1. Provides the most comprehensive and reliable proposal to operate these hospitals;
2. Promises to maintain all the healthcare services;
3. Promises to maintain the level of charity care provided by the Daughters of Charity; and
4. Promises to preserve the DCHS Workforce and serve the poor and vulnerable communities they have faithfully served over the past 150 years.

Dan Daniels, Sr.
Area Director Coastal

Freddye Davis
Area Director West

It is important to California's health care deserts and underserved communities to have access to health care.

For these reasons, the CA-NAACP supports approval of the proposed sale of DCHS to Prime Healthcare. If you would like additional information regarding our support, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Warren Quann, at (916) 498-1898. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Quann", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

President
California NAACP