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May 17, 2021

Lily Weaver  
Deputy Attorney General  
California Department of Justice  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Weaver:

I write in support for the proposed sale of Glendora Oaks Behavioral Health Hospital (“Glendora”) by Prime Healthcare Foundation to CHLB, LLC. Accessible and high-quality psychiatric behavioral healthcare is crucial to the overall health of the 25<sup>th</sup> District, and I believe the proposed transaction will help usher in a new era of patient care to the hospital.

The continued employment of the registered nurses currently working in Glendora is fundamental to the Buyer’s ability to guarantee continuity of care at the highest standard. Over the last several years, the hospital’s nurses have consistently remained attentive and committed to their patients, despite a dynamic and oftentimes dangerous environment. The nurses are pillars of the hospital’s medical teams and are most equipped to mitigate and provide patient-oriented solutions for the obstacles that inevitably accompany such a significant transition. I urge you to approve this sale on the condition that 90 percent of the hospital’s nurses are re-hired by the prospective Buyer.

Additionally, I am encouraged by the prospective Buyer’s written commitment to work in partnership with the nurses and their elected union representative, SEIU 121RN. The Memorandum of Understanding is not just an acknowledgement of the currently employed nurses’ commitment to the hospital’s standard of care, it is also a practical and forward-looking agreement to include the nurses in high stakes decisions relating to patient, community, and staff safety. This agreement is fundamental to the prospective Buyer’s ability to seamlessly transition into its new role as owners of the hospital, and I encourage you to include a guarantee that the Buyer will honor the Memorandum of Understanding as a condition of your approval.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many lessons. Chief among them is the understanding that the protection and safety of our frontline healthcare workforce is of the utmost importance to our collective welfare. I encourage you to approve this sale with the above-suggested conditions, and I look forward to welcoming CHLB into our community and providing them the support they need to deliver the best psychiatric care possible.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Portantino  
Senator  
25<sup>th</sup> District