

ST. FRANCIS REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION

HERE FOR THE COMMUNITY



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“This should be about humanity not profits.”

Jeffrey Davis

Lynwood community activist



Hundreds of St. Francis registered nurses, community members and elected officials packed Bateman Hall in Lynwood to deliver a powerful message to the Attorney General’s Office: **Keep vital medical services at St. Francis.**

Several members of St. Francis Registered Nurses Association (SFRNA) testified about the crucial needs in the community and offered stories of giving—and sometimes receiving—critical medical care for decades. Community members and allies, and elected officials also turned out to speak in support of the hospital and of the people who give them vital care and services.

SFRNA delivered 325 community petitions declaring the positive impact of St. Francis’ medical services on the surrounding residents—many of whom lack sufficient income, food, housing, insurance and transportation to remain healthy.

As one resident said, no matter who purchases the hospital, the cost of losing trauma, cancer and charity care is the math that matters.



“Without charitable funding we would lack the resources to save lives and to provide the vital care yours and our communities need. **We are qualified health care providers who serve, with compassion, and love.**”

Celestine Samuel-Blalock, RN

Mastered Prepared Medical Surgical Nurse

“It’s easy to come up here and make judgments based on numbers without **looking at the people we serve.**”

Helene Mendez, RN

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