

# California State Senate

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THIRTY-THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



May 6, 2020

Mr. Prem Reddy  
Chief Executive Office  
Prime Healthcare  
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Ontario, CA 91761

Dear Mr. Reddy,

I am writing in regards to Prime Healthcare's bid to purchase St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) in Lynwood, CA, from Verity Health System of California (Verity).

SFMC is the heart of the healthcare delivery system in the Lynwood area. Our community values the great care they receive at the hospital and want to ensure that it continues. The dedicated healthcare workers at SFMC have remained with the hospital through the turmoil of multiple sales and years of uncertainty. And now, these heroes are bravely caring for our community during the COVID 19 pandemic.

According to court filings, the hospital continued to have stable finances even throughout the recent Verity bankruptcy process. We expect its strong patient base and reputation will continue to help it succeed with a new owner. Should Prime Healthcare finalize ownership of SFMC, we are urging you to advance the important role that the hospital plays in our community, and recognize that it is the work of frontline healthcare employees who make the hospital such an essential civic resource. Our community needs the services of the hospital provides now more than ever and we do not want to see any reduction in care. I urge you to hire all of the staff of the current staff of the hospital, to honor their labor contracts and to maintain their current pay and benefits. I am hopeful that Prime Healthcare shares the goals of providing the highest levels of quality health care.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to future discussions on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lena Gonzalez", is positioned above the printed name.

Lena Gonzalez  
Senator, Representing Senate District 33

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