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Prem Reddy, MD, CEO
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Dear Dr. Reddy:

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

St. Francis Medical Center (SFMC) has long been a cornerstone of the South and South East Los Angeles communities, many of which I represent. These communities rely on the critical health care and vital support services provided by SFMC. This is particularly the case during this time of national emergency, as we work to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Today's challenges highlight the importance of maintaining and strengthening our health care infrastructure. Indeed, it is imperative that the services and workforce of SFMC continue without disruption.

I understand that the CA Attorney General's office, under its existing authority, is currently reviewing the proposed sale of SFMC from Verity to Prime Healthcare. SFMC is currently operating under the Attorney General's conditions set forth in the 2015 purchase of the hospital and under the current collective bargaining agreements negotiated with unions representing the SFMC's workforce. As such, the hospital continues to demonstrate positive financial standing while delivering its commitment to high quality care to the communities served.

During this process, I urge you to prioritize the needs of our communities with an intent to maintain the delivery of patient care and our health care workforce. In particular, I would ask that Prime Healthcare endeavor to honor the Attorney General's existing conditions and current collective bargaining agreements. 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,

ANTHONY RENDON
Speaker of the Assembly