



SPEAKING OUT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Undeterred by the age of COVID-19, registered nurses, community members, elected officials and others appeared in force virtually to oppose the sale of St. Francis to Prime Healthcare unless the Attorney General imposes the same 2015 conditions intended to keep vital medical services in the community.

Prime must also maintain the wages and benefits of employees who have remained dedicated to the health of patients and to the financial health of the community hospital, said several members of St. Francis Registered Nurses Association (SFRNA).

SFRNA members joined others in the online hearing to testify about crucial needs such as trauma care, cancer care and mental health services. Speakers warned of Prime's track record in other facilities and implored Attorney General Xavier Becerra to hold the health care giant accountable to the needs of the community—many of whom lack sufficient income, food, housing, insurance and transportation to remain healthy—and to the nurses and other health care workers who are facing deep job and salary cuts under Prime proposed plans.

We will continue to fight for St. Francis care. Watch for details of our next General Membership meeting on **July 16, 2020**, where you can get updates on the sale status and our planned actions. There will be opportunities to join on Zoom and on our private SFRNA Facebook group.



"The loss of these services would have far-reaching and measurable consequences to the health of a community that is already under-served—especially when done in the name of turning a profit. The citizens in this community are no less-

deserving of having health care services of this quality than those who live in more-affluent areas."

Ana Bergeron, RN
SFRNA President

"In this time of global pandemic, Prime Healthcare not only wants to cut services but cut jobs, benefits and salaries. This organization is not acting in the best interest of employees who have dedicated their lives to serving this community."

Maria Nunez, RN
SFRNA Secretary

"We have remained loyal to the community throughout the bankruptcy efforts of the hospital. The community cannot do with less than what is currently offered. We ask that Prime maintain all the current services for patients, maintain the wages and benefits of dedicated caregivers, and act as a responsible partner in maintaining and providing a high quality of care."

Ahsan Haque, RN
SFRNA member