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Prem Reddy, CEO  
Prime Healthcare  
3480 E. Guasti Road  
Ontario, CA 91761

Dear Mr. Reddy,

I am writing to express my support for the healthcare employees at St. Francis Medical Center. St. Francis 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 St. Francis have stuck 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, risking their own lives often without the appropriate level of personal protection.

St. Francis has always been a profitable hospital, often supporting other struggling hospitals in the Verity/Daughters of Charity system. According to court filings, the hospital continued to have stable finances even throughout the recent 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 St. Francis, we are urging you to respect the important role that the hospital plays in our community. Our community needs the services of the hospital provides now more than ever and we don't want to see any reduction in care. We are urging 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. To do anything less would be a tremendous disservice to the healthcare heroes who have been there for us during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike A. Gipson".

MIKE A. GIPSON  
Assemblymember, 64<sup>th</sup> District

cc. SEIU-UHW- Dave Regan, President  
UNAC/UHCP – Denise Duncan, President