

May 5, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD CALLING ON PRIME HEALTHCARE TO FULLY MAINTAIN THE MISSION OF AND SERVICES PROVIDED AT ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER WHILE FULLY SUPPORTING THE HOSPITAL WORKERS WHO DELIVER SERVICES TO PATIENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS St. Francis Medical Center is the heart of the healthcare delivery system in the Lynwood area; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lynwood are properly proud of St. Francis Medical Center and its success and growth during its many years of service; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Lynwood value the great medical care St. Francis Medical Center provides to the residents and want to ensure that it continues; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Medical Center will face future challenges including, the resurgence of the hospital post bankruptcy, COVID 19 treatment and funding, potential legislative actions and changes in national health policy by government and insurers; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Lynwood have been following the discussions and developments related to the Verity bankruptcy and how services will be delivered by a new ownership group; and

WHEREAS, many citizens are concerned about the potential loss of services as a result of the bankruptcy sale;; and

WHEREAS, many citizens have expressed concern about future growth of new medical services in our community following a change in ownership, and

WHEREAS the dedicated healthcare workers at St. Francis Medical Center have continued to provide the medical care and services to the community while the hospital has experienced the turmoil of the Verity bankruptcy, multiple sales, years of uncertainty, and are now bravely caring for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic; risking their own lives while the nation grapples with an insufficient supply of personal protective equipment and testing capacity; and

WHEREAS St. Francis Medical Center has always been a profitable hospital within the Verity Health System, and court filings show that the hospital has continued to have stable finances even throughout the current bankruptcy process; and

WHEREAS it is expected that the hospital's strong patient base and reputation as a health care facility that moves aggressively to provide new and improved medical services will continue under new ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lynwood City Council does hereby find, proclaim, order and resolve as follows:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Lynwood finds that the community needs the services St. Francis Medical Center provides now more than ever, and there should be no reduction in services currently provided as a result of the purchase by Prime Healthcare.

Section 2: That the City Council calls on Prime Healthcare to fully respect, appreciate and honor the important role St. Francis Medical Center plays in our community, and acknowledge that it is through the work of frontline healthcare employees that the hospital is such an essential civic resource and critical to the health, safety and welfare of the Lynwood community.

Section 3: That the City Council requests that Prime Healthcare make diligent effort to ensure that all current staff of the hospital who have served our community so courageously during the coronavirus pandemic be retained and that all existing labor contracts be honored so that these employees can maintain their current pay and benefits.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2020.

Aide Castro
Mayor

ATTEST:

María Quiñónez
City Clerk

Jose Ometeotl
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Noel Tapia
City Attorney