

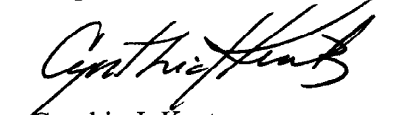
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

March 18, 2002

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF ST. LUKE MEDICAL CENTER

On March 4, 2002, City Council reviewed a report on the closure of the St. Luke Medical Center. At that time, Council requested that a resolution be prepared outlining the City's position on this issue. The resolution is attached and will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee on March 18, prior to being forwarded to the full Council.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia J. Kurtz,
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
SUPPORTING CONTINUED AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF URGENT
HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN EAST PASADENA

WHEREAS, St. Luke Medical Center, one of only two hospitals in the City of Pasadena, will close permanently on or before April 30, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Luke Medical Center campus is located in east Pasadena at 2632 East Washington Boulevard at the intersection of East Washington and Del Rey and includes the main hospital the Eaton Canyon Medical Office Building, several houses, an electrical plant and approximately 13.5 acres of land; and,

WHEREAS, the 165-bed hospital has been in operation since 1933, first as a nonprofit owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, sold in 1985 to Summit Health Care; then as a for-profit hospital since the sale, transferring ownership to OrNda in 1994, and to Tenet Healthcare Corporation in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of St. Luke Medical Center will impact the capacity of the local health care system to serve this community by reducing available emergency department services and accessible around the clock emergency medical services and urgent care in east Pasadena; and,

WHEREAS, access to care is already a critical concern since approximately 55,000 people in the Pasadena area are uninsured and most have no regular source of care; and,

WHEREAS, transportation and distance "across" town are barriers for some residents of northeast and north Pasadena, and Altadena, and overcrowding of remaining facilities may compromise patient treatment; and,

WHEREAS, City staff, health providers and concerned community members, are working to identify ways to address the most critical issues expected to result from St. Luke's closure and assure available and accessible health services to meet the needs of this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasadena City Council hereby supports continued availability and accessibility of urgent care health services in the eastern part of the City of Pasadena, with a first priority for these services in the vicinity of East Washington Boulevard and Altadena Drive.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 18th day of March, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:

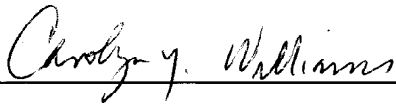
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Carolyn Williams
Assistant City Attorney

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