

# Agenda Report

June 23, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Planning & Community Development Department  
**SUBJECT: APPEAL OF DESIGN COMMISSION DECISION: CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW—NEW 120-BED PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AT 2900 EAST DEL MAR BOULEVARD (LAS ENCINAS HOSPITAL)**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council remand the appeal of the Design Commission's denial of the application for Concept Design Review for a new 120-bed psychiatric hospital at 2900 E. Del Mar Boulevard (Las Encinas Hospital) to the Design Commission for further review.

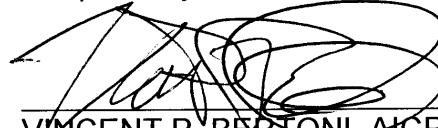
## **BACKGROUND:**

On March 23, 2014, after three public hearings, the Design Commission denied an application for Concept Design Review for a new 120-bed psychiatric hospital on the campus of Las Encinas Hospital at 2900 East Del Mar Boulevard. The Commission had expressed concerns at each continued hearing about the compatibility of the building massing with the surrounding historic campus and did not believe that the applicant satisfactorily addressed this concern during the review process. The applicant subsequently appealed the Commission's denial to the City Council, but has since submitted a revised design that is intended to address the Commission's concern. As such, staff recommends that the City Council remand the applicant's appeal to the Design Commission so that it may review the revised design. In the event that the Design Commission is not satisfied with the revised design, the appeal would be re-scheduled for City Council consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

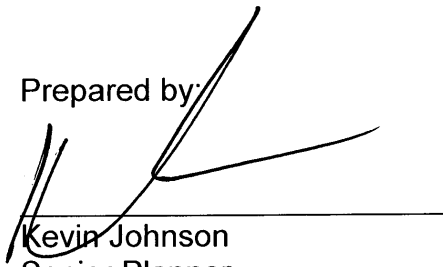
There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



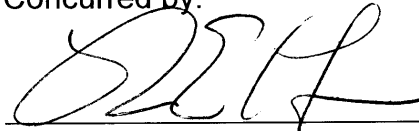
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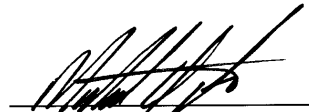
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Attachments:

- A. Appeal Application to City Council
- B. March 26, 2014 Design Commission Decision Letter