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Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Board of Directors
c/o: John Bishop, CEO
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To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Long Beach is grateful for its long and dedicated partnership with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (LBMMC). As the largest private employer in the city, LBMMC continues to provide both excellent medical care and excellent employment opportunities for our residents and visitors.

On October 30, 2017, representatives of LBMMC informed City staff that Community Medical Center Long Beach (CMCLB) could not meet the State seismic safety standards for acute care facilities and that LBMMC would be unable to operate CMCLB as an acute care hospital after June 30, 2019.

On November 14, 2017, representatives of LBMMC provided a public presentation to the Mayor and City Council indicating that "We will continue operating for a period of time serving our patients and the community while we work collaboratively with the City and other community stakeholders on transition plans that focus on the needs of the community."

In the spirit of this collaboration, we are writing on behalf of the City Council to: (a) decline the proposal presented by LBMMC representatives that would allow the General Acute Care Hospital License to expire, and transition CMCLB to an expanded acute psychiatric hospital; (b) request that the LBMMC Board of Directors renew both Acute Psychiatric Hospital and General Acute Care Hospital licenses with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the period of April 29, 2018-April 28, 2019, to provide time for the City to identify alternatives to keep the general acute care hospital and emergency department operational at CMCLB; and, (c) provide written approval for the City to engage with potential future partners including but not limited to buyers, developers, and operators.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. We are committed to working expediently and in the spirit of collaboration to find a solution that truly meets the needs of our residents and visitors. Please do not hesitate to contact Economic Development Director John Keisler by phone (562) 570-5282 or by email john.keisler@longbeach.gov with questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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