



June 24, 2019

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92010

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

The undersigned Chambers of Commerce are writing in regards to your June 25, 2019, Board Item #23:

Behavior Health Continuum of Care: Creation of Additional Crisis Stabilization Unit Chairs and Psychiatric Health Facility Beds for North San Diego County

Collectively, the Chambers of Commerce of Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista fully support a broad and regional approach to the on-going behavioral needs within the county. We are pleased to see that the Board is considering a plan to utilize the previously offered land at Tri-City Medical Center to build an additional behavioral health facility in North County. We commend Tri-City's Board and Staff for their ongoing efforts to communicate openly on this issue and to work toward a regional solution. We do not, however; support this plan if the facility is for the "exclusive use of individuals eligible to receive publicly funded insurance such as MediCal or County Medical Services" as is currently conditioned. A facility of this type should be allowed to serve all patients requiring services, including those with private insurance. Everyone should have access to appropriate mental health services.

We encourage you to continue working with Tri-City Medical Center to develop solutions to this problem in North County and to consider behavioral health solutions in other areas of the county, as well.

Sincerely,

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Bret Schanzenbach
Chief Executive Officer
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

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Scott Ashton
Chief Executive Officer
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce

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Rachel Beld
Chief Executive Officer
Vista Chamber of Commerce