



# Press Release

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## **Support for Sale of Daughters of Charity Health System Continues to Swell Across the State** *Public Testimony, Petitions Take Issue with Opposition*

(Los Altos Hills, CA – January 22, 2015) - Support for the sale of Daughters of Charity Health System (DCHS) hospitals to Prime Healthcare continues to pour in from across the state as the Attorney General weighs the overwhelmingly positive testimony from members of the hospital community, patients, doctors and nurses urging approval of the transaction.

More than 36,000 signatures on petitions and letters have been submitted to the Attorney General so far, and more continue to be received every day. A recent analysis of Attorney General-sponsored public hearings across the state found that testimony favoring the sale outnumbered opposition by nearly 3-to-1.

“Ninety-nine percent of our physicians enthusiastically support the sale of the DCHS hospitals to Prime,” noted Robert Issai, DCHS President and CEO. “Additionally, 86 percent of the DCHS employees who testified before the Attorney General urged her to approve the sale. I’m proud of our employees for seeing through the falsehoods being spread by those who fail to understand the importance of our sale to Prime.”



The Attorney General hearings were held in the first week of January at the six DCHS hospitals – Seton Medical Center in Daly City; Seton Coastside in Moss Beach; O’Connor Hospital in San Jose; Saint Louise Regional Hospital in Gilroy; St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood; and St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Among the supporters who testified at the hearings were SEIU members who currently work for DCHS hospitals. SEIU’s president, Dave Regan, is orchestrating the campaign against the sale as part of an effort to expand membership and gain leverage with Prime at the negotiating table.

“Dave Regan’s campaign is losing steam,” Issai said. “Hundreds of his own members have voluntarily signed petitions in support of the sale because they understand what he refuses to admit – Prime is the best and only hope to keep our hospitals open, save jobs and preserve pensions.”

Attorney General Kamala Harris, who has legal authority over transactions involving nonprofits, is expected to rule on the sale in coming weeks. Among the other findings of the testimony analysis:

- 928 people testified over five days of hearings
- Nearly 60 percent of the testimony from elected officials or their representatives, as well as from local community groups, supported the sale to Prime.
- 99 percent of the 105 DCHS physicians who testified supported the sale to Prime
- 81 percent of the nurses who testified urged the Attorney General to approve the sale.

More than 30 current and former elected officials from throughout California wrote letters or offered testimony in favor of the sale at the hearings. Meanwhile, organizations statewide – including Consumer Watchdog, the Sierra Club and numerous Chambers of Commerce – urged the Attorney General to sign off on the sale.



“Prime Healthcare Services truly has been an asset to Redding,” said Rick Bosetti, Mayor of Redding, where Prime Healthcare saved Shasta Regional Medical Center from closure. “And I believe Prime would be an asset to any area looking to provide quality health care, needed medical services and jobs.”

Since the hearings, the sale has continued to receive strong support from local and national medical groups, including the Catholic Health Association of the United States, the Alliance of Catholic Health Care, the Santa Clara County Medical Association and the San Mateo County Medical Association.

Organizations that have written Attorney General Harris or testified on behalf of the sale include:

- San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- Santa Clara County Medical Association
- San Mateo County Medical Association
- Daughters of Charity Health System medical staffs
- Gilroy Chamber of Commerce
- Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce
- Brisbane Chamber of Commerce
- Pacifica Chamber of Commerce
- Gilroy Economic Development Corporation
- Foreign Consulates of Los Angeles
- Korean Health Education, Information and Research Center
- LA Unified School District, Nursing Division
- San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
- Rio Hondo Vernon Rotary Club
- Sierra Club
- Consumer Watchdog
- Food and Water Watch



- National Organization for Women
- NAACP
- SEIU-121RN (representing Southern California nurses)
- Catholic Health Association of the United States
- Alliance of Catholic Health Care

The government officials who support the sale include:

- State Senator Bob Huff
- Congressman Paul Cook
- Montclair Mayor Paul S. Eaton
- Assemblyman Jay Obernolte
- Assemblyman Chad Mayes
- State Senator Mike Morrell
- State Senator Jim Nielsen
- Congresswoman Mimi Walters
- State Senator Sharon Runner (retired)
- Assemblyman Marc Steinorth
- Board of Equalization Member George Runner
- Board of Equalization Member Michelle Steel (retired)
- Board of Equalization Member Diane Harkey
- San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford
- San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert Lovingood
- Chino Mayor Dennis Yates
- San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo
- Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Jr.
- Montclair Councilman Bill Ruh
- Gilroy Councilmember Peter Leroe-Munoz
- Chino Hills Mayor Cynthia Moran
- Chino Police Chief Karen Comstock



- Hesperia Mayor Francine Sullivan
- Redding Mayor Rick Bosetti,
- National City Mayor Ron Morrison
- Victorville Mayor Gloria Garcia
- Victorville Mayor Pro Tem Ryan McEachron
- Apple Valley Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Stanton
- Redding Vice Mayor Missy McArthur
- Inglewood Councilman Alex Padilla
- Inglewood Councilman Ralph Franklin
- Inglewood Councilman George Dotson

### **About Daughters of Charity Health System**

Daughters of Charity Health System (DCHS) is a regional health system spanning the California coast from the San Francisco Bay Area to Los Angeles. Our organization includes: Seton Medical Center, Daly City; Seton *Coastside*, Moss Beach; O'Connor Hospital, San Jose; Saint Louise Regional Hospital, Gilroy; St. Vincent Medical Center, Los Angeles; St. Francis Medical Center, Lynwood; and the DCHS Medical Foundation based in San Jose. DCHS was formed in 2002 in response to the health care needs of the people of California. Every day, more than 8,000 associates and physicians serve patients and their loved ones, providing quality, compassionate care – body, mind and spirit. For more information, visit [www.dochs.org](http://www.dochs.org).

### **About Prime Healthcare**

Prime Healthcare is an award-winning national hospital system with 30 acute care hospitals providing more than 35,000 jobs in nine states. Based in California and one of the largest hospital systems in the country, Prime Healthcare is committed to ensuring access to quality healthcare. It has been recognized as among the “100 Top Hospitals” in the nation 27 times and among the “15 Top Health Systems” three times, and is the only "10 Top Health System" west of the Mississippi. Our hospitals have been recognized by The Joint Commission among the "Top



Performers on Key Quality Measures" in 2013. Prime Healthcare is dedicated to serving our patients and communities. Since 2010, our hospitals have provided more than \$2 billion in charity and uncompensated care. We provide more charity care than any other hospital system in California (excluding public hospitals) and nearly double the state average. With over \$800 million invested in capital improvements since 2005, we are committed to transforming all of our hospitals into award-winning centers of excellence. For more information, please visit [www.primehealthcare.com](http://www.primehealthcare.com)

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