

Unions Spent \$90,000 to Defeat a Laguna Honda Hospital Ballot Measure, Hysterically Claiming a “Land Grab” Would Dislocate LHH Residents. Why?

Spending: “Yes on D” Sponsors \$ 41,561
 “No on D” Opponents \$234,452

Bay Area hospitals spent \$30,000 opposing Prop. D; architects and contractors holding lucrative contracts on the LHH replacement project spent \$17,000 trying to sink Prop. D.

Why the big bucks to stop Prop. D?

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STOP THE LAGUNA HONDA LAND GRAB!

STOP THE SECRET LAND GRAB

PROTECT LAGUNA HONDA RESIDENTS AND JOBS!
 Prop D would dislocate hundreds of vulnerable Laguna Honda residents, some with advanced Alzheimer's and AIDS.
 Prop D would discriminate, barring whole groups of people from Laguna Honda and denying them the care they deserve.

An important message from SEIU United Healthcare Workers

JUNE 6th SPECIAL ELECTION ALERT

In their latest scheme to convert public property to private uses, wealthy developers are putting Laguna Honda's frail residents and caregivers at risk.

Joe O'Donoghue and the Residential Builders Association put Prop D on the ballot to permit private for-profit development on public land. But Prop D is so poorly drafted it jeopardizes the health care of hundreds of Laguna Honda's most vulnerable patients.

Prop D will evict 300 patients. The City's Public Health Director says that Prop D will require the City to discharge up to 300 patients suffering from Parkinson's, AIDS, Alzheimer's and other diseases.

Prop D would put the City's Zoning Administrator in charge of patient admissions, but in a recent letter, the Zoning Administrator says he is completely unprepared to perform psychological evaluations on patients if the measure passes.

The city controller estimates Prop D will cost the city \$27 million per year to arrange for outside care of the patients it displaces.

Prop D discriminates against the most vulnerable. Prop D violates at least seven state and federal laws protecting disabled residents and would ban whole groups of people in need from Laguna Honda.

We must keep healthcare decisions of Laguna Honda in the hands of doctors, nurses, and other caregivers, and out of the hands of developers and Planning Department bureaucrats.

“As healthcare workers, our first commitment is to provide care for people in need. We may need different training to meet different needs, but we should never discriminate and close our doors to any group. Please Vote No on D.”
 - MARIA BARRIOS, CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

“We know how dangerous dislocation can be for Laguna Honda's frail, elderly residents. They deserve our compassion, not to be pushed out the door. I'm voting No on D.”
 - OLETTA HUNT, CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

“Prop D is dangerous for our residents and for us. We care about these people - and each other. If Laguna Honda is forced to turn away people in need and evict hundreds of current residents, what will happen to them and to our jobs? Vote No on Prop D.”
 - RAY GUARING, NURSE

GAP founder Don Fisher kicked in \$10,000 to oppose Prop. D. So did Diane Wilsey, President of the Fine Arts Museum Board of Trustees, on which board SEIU 790's Executive Director Josie Mooney also sits. **Why the big bucks?**

A Land Grab is Underway, But Not By Prop. D or Its Sponsors; Instead Mayor Gavin “Care-Not-Cash” Newsom and His Supporters Are Involved in a Not-So-Secret “Land Grab” to Replace LHH’s Skilled Nursing Beds With “Supportive Housing”

A secret land grab is underway. But not by San Franciscans for Laguna Honda, the committee that put Prop. D on the June 2006 ballot. Instead, a group of special interests and the Mayor's allies were willing to spend big bucks to stop Prop. D so they could form a public-private partnership to build supportive housing for the chronically homeless. Why would the Mayor (the official “No on D” opponent) and his allies spend \$234,452 to stop a citizen's petition attempting to protect the safety of, and services to, elderly and disabled San Franciscans needing skilled nursing and medical care, or needing assisted living? By June 19 — just 13 days after the June 6 election — a unilateral decision (without real community input) had already been made to change plans for licensed assisted living units at LHH to unlicensed “permanent supportive housing apartments” for those over 18. “No on D” opponents outspent the “Yes on D” sponsors by nearly six times to protect zoning permitting the City to build supportive housing to end homelessness. Is the Mayor opposing access to skilled nursing services simply to end homelessness?

Just as Newsom snatched the recently-opened Plaza Apartments at the 11th hour, converting it at the last minute from a low-income housing project to “supportive housing” — depriving low-income renters from a project approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors — Newsom's administration is blocking the full rebuild of LHH's 1,200 skilled nursing beds, and cutting assisted living beds, too!

In 1999, voters passed Prop. A for bonds to replace LHH as a healthcare facility, not for bonds for housing!

- “Supportive Housing” Replaces “Assisted Living”**
- SEIU's UHW has attended LHH Assisted Living Project meetings since at least February 2006; SEIU Local 790 has attended LHH Transition Steering Committee meetings since November 2005.
 - A \$562,800 U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant was to have studied four options to build 140 “assisted living” units on the LHH campus. Instead, 230 “supportive housing” units may be built.
 - The June 2006 Assisted Living Project meeting minutes announced unlicensed “supportive housing” units will be built, instead of licensed “assisted living,” most likely on the site where 420 skilled nursing beds will be eliminated if the West tower isn't built.

- How Will This Affect Laguna Honda's Residents?**
- August 2006 floor plans specify 300 beds on a total of five floors in the East and West residential towers are for “complex medical/rehabilitative care” residents, 180 of which are in the West tower.
 - If the West tower is eliminated and replaced with fully-independent “senior housing apartments,” 420 people — including the 180 with “complex medical/rehabilitative care” needs — will be dislocated.
 - The other 240 people facing dislocation include a 60-bed Asian focus ward which will be eliminated, and 180 beds for psychosocial residents who may also have multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, dementia, and other skilled nursing and medical needs.

Additional information is available at www.stopLHHdownsize.com

Newsom's Administration Is Ignoring the Will of Voters Who Passed Prop. A in 1999 to Rebuild LHH as a Healthcare Facility, Not to Build Supportive Housing!

