

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



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Dear Community member:

Thank you for your interest in ensuring that Laguna Honda Hospital continues to provide quality medical care to its patients.

As I have indicated at numerous community meetings in District 7, I support Laguna Honda continuing its proud tradition as a medically licensed facility providing assisted living units for those in need of medical services. As you know, this model of care is designed to provide maximum independence to medically diagnosed individuals who require some assistance in their daily lives.

Along those lines, I do not support any future placement of supportive housing for the formerly homeless at Laguna Honda Hospital. While I believe that more of this type of housing can help address our homeless problem in a lasting way, Laguna Honda Hospital is an inappropriate location for this housing and should remain an assisted care facility.

Moreover, I do not support housing units at Laguna Honda that are not medically licensed. Simply put, medically licensed units ensure a standard of care that I believe is appropriate and necessary for residents of Laguna Honda Hospital.

I look forward to our shared efforts to ensure that Laguna Honda Hospital remains a foundation of our local health care delivery system.

Sincerely,



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