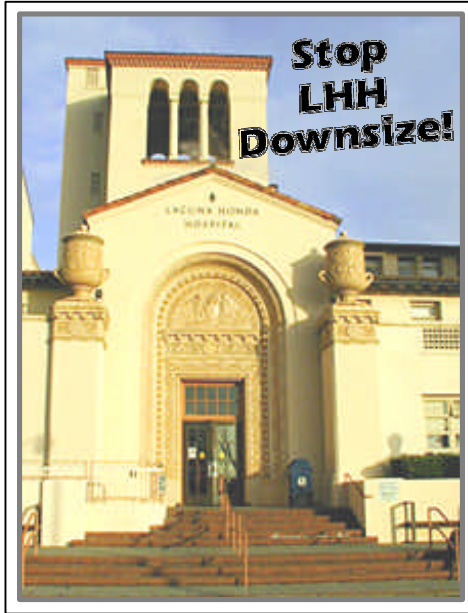


Stop the Bait-and-Switch to Downsize Laguna Honda Hospital and Radically Change Its Mission

## *Attend an Important Board of Supervisors Hearing on HMA Audit and LHH Downsize*

VOTERS WERE PROMISED IN 1999 THAT LAGUNA HONDA WOULD BE RE-BUILT WITH 1,200 BEDS to serve frail elderly (those over 85), elderly (those over 65), and disabled San Franciscans using a medical model to provide long-term skilled nursing care, and to preserve LHH's current medical specialty units (the hospice, an AIDS ward, a small number of acute hospital beds, the physical medicine rehabilitation unit, and LHH's respite program). Promises were made explicitly and implicitly in paid arguments in the 1999 voter guide and during the public relations campaign prior to the 1999 election.



IN JULY 2005, THE CHICAGO FIRM HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (HMA) ISSUED AN AUDIT REPORT recommending re-building LHH with only 780 (or fewer) beds, and that LHH should be used principally for "hard-to-place" patients with special needs, not for elderly and disabled San Franciscans. The Board of Supervisors stalled for four months before scheduling the November 14 hearing to review the HMA audit.

While HMA's audit will be the focus of the November 14 hearing, because the hearing will not include an action item the HMA report will *not* be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors

Those promises were *not* delivered by just anybody; they were made by a host of City officials, including Mayor Willie L. Brown, the Health Commission, the Board of Supervisors, Director of Public Health Mitch Katz, City Attorney Louise Renee, U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, along with many other prominent San Franciscans.

for full Board consideration, letting them off the hook in performing their mandatory ministerial duties to *implement* — not alter — provisions of Prop A 73% of voters passed in 1999. Please plan to attend this hearing to present oral and written testimony urging the Board of Supervisors to reject recommendations in the HMA audit, and to honor promises made to voters in 1999.

### **Government Audit and Oversight (Sub)Committee Hearing Monday, November 14, 2005 • 1:00 p.m.**

**Room 263, Or (More Likely) Board Chambers, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### **Please Join Us On the 14th for a Noon Rally On the Steps to Rear Entrance of City Hall (Polk Street Side)**

The City Now Projects Receiving \$820 Million in Tobacco Settlement Revenues —  
More Than Enough to Cover the \$130 Million LHH Replacement Project Cost Overrun —  
Which Should Be Used to Replace ALL 1,200 Beds at LHH, as Promised to Voters in 1999!

The Court of Appeals recently issued an order taking judicial notice that the City is engaged in reducing the 1,200-bed LHH replacement facility without considering — or using — all tobacco settlement revenues to offset the LHH replacement project cost overruns.



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*Call or write the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor. Tell them you want LHH rebuilt with all 1,200 beds and that you will oppose the 2006 SFGH Rebuild Bond Measure ... unless a promise to rebuild LHH with all 1,200 beds is put into writing and signed by the Mayor.*

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