



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

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## City of Sacramento

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### COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

October 6, 2005

**Subject:** Resolution Adopting Community Benefit Principles for the Siting of Major Health Care Facilities

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

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**Department:** Mayor and Council Offices

**Organization No:** 0100

# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMMUNITY BENEFIT PRINCIPLES FOR THE SITING OF MAJOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

**WHEREAS**, there are several major proposals pending and others being planned for major healthcare facility expansions in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, these major healthcare facilities are generally exempt from state and local property taxes and other taxes that pay for public improvements and community benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to ensure that such facilities are sited in a manner that complies with certain basic community benefit principles.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that:**

Applicants proposing major new or expanded healthcare facilities in the City of Sacramento should comply with the following Community Benefit Principles:

- **FAIR PRICING GUIDELINES:** Hospital operators should agree to fair pricing guidelines to make sure that patients are not being overcharged for services.
- **QUALITY CARE STANDARDS:** Hospitals should meet minimum quality care standards by complying with California's nurse-to-patient staffing ratios and maintaining good quality standards base on state and national benchmarks.
- **ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE:** Hospitals should provide an adequate level of care for residents in every neighborhood of the City, as well as charity care to meet our community's needs.
- **REASONABLE COLLECTIONS PRACTICES:** Hospitals should have

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reasonable debt collection activities, which respect the rights of patients and provide mitigation measures to relieve undue hardship on families.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROTECTIONS:** Hospitals should agree to specific measures that will minimize any negative environmental and neighborhood impacts from construction projects, including traffic and parking problems, air quality concerns, and noise pollution.
- **COMMUNITY INPUT ON SITE PLANS:** Hospitals should agree to hold community meetings to discuss planned uses for abandoned hospital sites before filing applications with the City to redevelop such sites.
- **LOCAL HIRING GUARANTEES:** Hospitals should agree to guarantee that thirty percent of any new jobs created by the construction and expansion of services will go to Sacramento residents, and to make apprenticeship and training opportunities for these jobs available to economically disadvantaged city youth.
- **FAST & FAIR RECOGNITION PROCESS:** Public patient care dollars should not be spent fighting caregivers who want to be represented by a union. Hospitals should agree to a fast and fair secret ballot process in which employees can make a choice about representation without interference from their employer.
- **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** Hospitals should agree to work with the City Council to ensure compliance with these principles.

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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