

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all residents is important to the City of Los Angeles; and

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WHEREAS, it is important to that access to health care of the highest quality is made available to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Encino-Tarzana Medical Center, is a true community resource. This award-winning, two-campus hospital provides 396-acute care hospital beds and two full-service emergency rooms to the San Fernando Valley. The Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center provides valuable and highly used specialty services to the community, including a neonatal intensive care unit, a pediatric intensive care unit, an oncology unit, and a top-rated cardiology program. The hospital also offers much-needed jobs to the 1,700 surgeons, contracted doctors, nurses and medical technicians that make up the hospital's employees, in addition to its near 900-member medical staff. It also provides the surrounding community businesses economic support; and

WHEREAS, our region is facing a hospital shortage as three San Fernando Valley hospitals have closed in the past seven years. These closures have severely impacted the ability of the community health care infrastructure to deal with emergency medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, nearly four years ago, Tenet Healthcare Corporation announced plans to sell 27 of its hospitals, including the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center. The hospital is still for sale and the ground lease on the Tarzana Campus is set to expire in February 2009; and

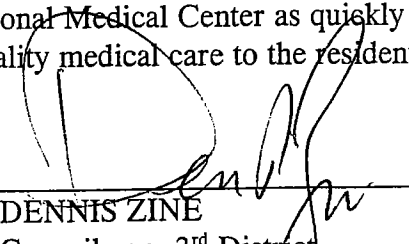
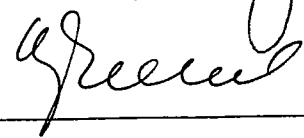
WHEREAS, to date, Tenet Healthcare Corporation and Health Care Property Investors Inc. (HCPI), a real estate investment trust that owns Tarzana Hospital's ground lease, have failed to conclude the Encino-Tarzana Medical Center facility's sale to a qualified, financially solvent and desired purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the inability of these two corporations to resolve their differences and sell the hospital to a qualified buyer will have a direct, negative impact on the lives of the employees, physicians and nurses, and tens-of-thousands of patients treated at the hospital annually, as well as surrounding businesses who serve hospital;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council calls on the Tenet Healthcare Corporation and Health Care Property Investors Inc. to act as responsible, caring and good corporate citizens, to resolve their differences and to reach an agreement to complete the sale of the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center as quickly as possible so that this facility can continue to provide top-quality medical care to the residents of communities throughout the San Fernando Valley.

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