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December 19, 2011

Ms Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Officer
San Bernardino LAFCO
215 North D Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Ms Rollings-McDonald:

As you requested, we are pleased to provide you and your staff additional information regarding San Bernardino Mountains Community Healthcare District (SBMCHD).

Regarding our four year election frequency, we have attached a copy of the "Impartial Analysis by District Counsel" which accompanied the sample ballot in 2005. This analysis explains the four year appropriation limit (see Attachment).

Pursuant to questions regarding Group Purchasing that arose at our meeting on December 13, 2011, the following list represents some of the more important group purchasing activities in which SBMCHD participates:

- Amerinet- This is a large GPO which we and several hundred other hospitals utilize to obtain pricing which would not be available to us as an individual facility
- Beta Healthcare Group- This is a Medical Malpractice Insurance cooperative which serves many Healthcare districts. Their pricing is much lower than the regular malpractice insurance market due to the fact that healthcare districts have unique rules regarding malpractice
- Special District Risk Management Authority-This is a group of cities, counties and districts who purchase their employee Health Insurance collectively at much lower rates than we could individually
- California Critical Access Hospital Network- This is a group of Critical Access Hospitals who have joined forces to share information and purchase certain consulting services on a group basis

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As we have discussed, SBMCHD acknowledges that we have a fiduciary responsibility to the residents and taxpayers of the District to provide high quality healthcare while operating the Hospital in a businesslike manner. We believe that we are fulfilling this responsibility.

Based upon our recent discussions and correspondence with you and your staff regarding SBMCHD and Bear Valley Community Healthcare District, we are in agreement with your recommendation of maintaining two separate districts each with an individual sphere of influence (with SBMCHD expanded into the Crest Forest community).

If you have any questions, please call me at 909 436-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles H. Harrison".

Charles H. Harrison
Chief Executive Officer

cc: SBMCHD Board of Trustees



COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CONDADO DE SAN BERNARDINO

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET
BALOTA EJEMPLAR Y PANFLETO DE INFORMACIÓN

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
ELECCIÓN CONSOLIDADA

June 7, 2005
7 de Junio de 2005

Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Las urnas abren de 7:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

See back cover for your POLLING PLACE LOCATION
Vea la parte de atrás para ubicar su LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN

Application for ABSENTEE BALLOT on back cover
En la parte de atrás hay una solicitud de BALOTA POR CORRESPONDENCIA

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MEASURE "M"
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY DISTRICT COUNSEL

Article XIII B of the California Constitution prohibits a governmental entity from authorizing the expenditure of tax proceeds in excess of the base year appropriations limit for the entity, adjusted for inflation and changes in population, unless the appropriations limit is established or changed by the electors of the entity for a period not to exceed four (4) years.

On November 7, 1989, voters in the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District (the "District") approved the imposition of a special tax in the District to provide for the operation of the Mountains Community Hospital. On that same election date, District voters established an annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000 for a period of four (4) years. On June 8, 1993, District voters again approved an annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000 for a period of four (4) years. On June 3, 1997, District voters once again approved an annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000 for a period of four (4) years. On June 5, 2001, District voters once again approved an annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000 for a period of four (4) years.

Measure "M", if approved, will authorize the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District to continue its annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000 for a period of four (4) years. To become effective, the measure requires the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the voters voting on the proposition.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "M"

Sixteen years ago, our Hospital was saved from closure by the overwhelming support of a hospital tax. Every four years, we get an opportunity to reaffirm that mandate.

Vote YES to KEEP OUR HOSPITAL

Every year our Hospital provides nearly 7,000 Emergency Room visits, 1,200 acute patient days, 6,000 extended care days and over 10,000 out-patient visits, thereby protecting the health of residents and visitors. Our Hospital provides laboratory, radiology, surgery, obstetric and 24-hour emergency services.

Mountains Community Hospital improves the quality of life of our community by providing accessible healthcare services and programs for everyone from infants to seniors.

Our hospital is essential to attract and retain qualified doctors and other medical specialists to serve our community's need for quality healthcare.

MCH supports local paramedics in the event of accidents and emergencies by providing an immediately accessible emergency room. Without it, paramedics would be transporting all patients to San Bernardino-area facilities. This is critical when roads are closed or during inclement weather when ice snow and fog may cause life threatening delays.

Our Hospital has demonstrated its ability to use our tax support efficiently. In spite of continued reimbursement reductions from government and insurance companies, MCH need only continue the present tax to provide up-to-date equipment, medical facilities and physicians, they are not asking for an increase in tax funding.

The tax for each residential parcel will continue at \$6.67 per month, for each unimproved parcel \$3.33, and for each commercial parcel \$16.67 – a small price for having a local acute care hospital and emergency room nearby.

Vote YES to KEEP OUR HOSPITAL without increasing taxes!

KEEP OUR HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

s/ Michael A. Scullin, Running Springs Resident

s/ Ed Brittain, Running Springs Resident

s/ Leslie E. Marks, Lake Arrowhead Business Owner

s/ Hugh A Bialecki, DMD, Dentist

s/ Patrick Welsh, Businessman

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "M" WAS FILED