

MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MCHCD Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Garza, Jr.

DATE: August 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

GRAND JURY REPORT

We will discuss our proposed response to the Grand Jury this evening. The response is due by September 12. I am pleased to report that many of their concerns have already been addressed. We will continue to track our progress toward meeting the concerns raised by Grand Jury through a chart on our website. We intend to have that chart up and functioning very soon. We recognize the importance of full disclosure to our residents on our progress toward improving the functioning of our District.

MEASURE C

Measure C is a somewhat awkward funding mechanism for our hospital's maintenance. It is one of three taxpayer-funded sources and it is important to remember that Measure C provides only a portion of the funding needed to maintain the hospital. Given the above, it is not surprising there has been some miscommunication in the past. We have been working closely the Adventist Health to resolve any misunderstandings about access and use of Measure C funding, and to provide a clearer process of getting required maintenance at the hospital completed.

I much appreciate the efforts of our CFO Wayne Allen in providing clear accounting of Measure C and thank Adventist Health for their collaboration. I also want to thank Jim Hurst, our Measure C Committee Chair, and the members of this Committee for their outstanding work. I believe we are building the kind of partnership that will serve our community's and Adventist Health's best interests in the future.

LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 1432/AB 839 is scheduled to be heard on Friday, August 24. Again, this legislation would provide an additional three years to complete seismic retrofits and will provide some additional relief. Now that the Legislature is reconvening after their summer break, more updates will become available.

CHAIR'S ADVISORY GROUP – HOSPITAL 2030

This group is continuing to review several different options for expanding services, modernizing facilities and achieving the seismic retrofit. Most recently, we received a briefing from the California Hospital Association.

We are learning more about the business model of Adventist Health and will work closely with Adventist Health in using the available funding in the best possible way to meet State requirements and improve and upgrade our facilities. I continue to believe that we will need a comprehensive market study to guide this decision-making process.

Director McGourty is proposing we invite a group of distinguished hospital experts to our Coast to share their experience and insights.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Both Director McGourty and myself are un-opposed for re-election, and as a result will continue to serve for the next two years on this Board. There are four candidates for the two four-year terms: Director Katzeff, Measure C Committee Member Gabriel Moroney, Planning Committee Member Mikael Blaisdell and Lynn Finley. Director Savage is unaffected because she has two more years to fulfill her four-year term.