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July 7, 2009

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO PURCHASE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
FOR HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to accept donation from the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Patient Welfare Fund, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Guild and a Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Respiratory Therapy employee to purchase a ventilator.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$25,500 from Harbor-UCLA's Medical Center Patient Welfare Fund, Harbor-UCLA's Medical Guild, and a Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Respiratory Therapist to purchase a ventilator.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer to prepare and send appropriate letters of appreciation to the donors.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

In accordance with County policy, donations in excess of \$10,000 require acceptance by your Board. The Harbor-UCLA Patient Welfare Fund, Harbor-UCLA Medical Guild, and one of its employees are providing a donation of \$25,500 which exceeds the noted amount. Approval of the above recommendations will allow Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to accept the donation to purchase a ventilator to treat critically ill patients who must undergo prolonged ventilator support, and recognize the donors.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The donation of \$25,500 is for Harbor to purchase a ventilator.

If the recommended actions are approved, DHS will request an increase of \$25,500 in appropriation authority and revenue to purchase the equipment during supplemental changes for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Final Budget. There is no net County cost associated with this donation.

The equipment requires preventive maintenance which will be obtained by adding the equipment to a current contract. Maintenance costs will be funded within Harbor's existing budget and are included in the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

State law authorizes acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355. During times of increased acuity and census, Harbor must rent additional units. This gift would completely cover the cost of purchase for the ventilator from Cardinal Health, which is the vendor that sells this product. There is no comparable ventilator available for purchase.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of the recommended actions will help maintain the quality of care provided to critically ill patients at Harbor.

**CONCLUSION**

Attached for your consideration are draft appreciation letters thanking the three donors.

Respectfully submitted,



John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.  
Interim Director

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Acting County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

(BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD)

July 8, 2009

Ms. Frances Braham, President  
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Guild  
1000 W. Carson Street, Box 22  
Torrance, CA 90509

Dear Ms. Braham:

At its meeting held July 7, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the donation of \$25,500 for the purchase of a 3100B High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilator for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center of which the Medical Center Guild donated \$5,000. This life-saving equipment will greatly benefit the critically ill patients at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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(BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD)

July 8, 2009

Ms. Cynthia Moore-Oliver, Trustee  
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Patient Welfare Fund  
1000 W. Carson Street, Box 1  
Torrance, CA 90509

Dear Ms. Moore-Oliver:

At its meeting held July 7, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the donation of \$25,500 for the purchase of a 3100B High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilator for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center of which the Medical Center Patient Welfare Fund donated \$2,535. This life-saving equipment will greatly benefit the critically ill patients at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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(BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD)

July 8, 2009

Mr. Devin Griffin, Respiratory Therapist  
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
1000 W. Carson Street, Box 20  
Torrance, CA 90509

Dear Mr. Griffin:

At its meeting held July 7, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the donation of \$25,500 for the purchase of a 3100B High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilator for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. We acknowledge your donation, which was made through both your personal generosity and a fund-raiser organized by you and your wife. This life-saving equipment will greatly benefit the critically ill patients at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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