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Olive View Medical Center Historical Archives

For over 150 years, Los Angeles County has provided quality medical care to residents throughout our communities. The origin of the County health system dates back to 1856, when the County purchased medical services for indigent patients from St. Vincent’s Hospital. In 1878, the first County hospital was opened and just a short time later in 1885, the County partnered with the University of Southern California Medical School for the provision of medical care at that hospital, which is now known as LAC+USC.

On October 27, 1920 Olive View was founded as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the San Fernando Valley to relieve overcrowding at the Los Angeles County Hospital, giving it the name Olive View from the groves of olive trees on the property. After drugs were discovered and began to be used in the 1950’s to cure tuberculosis, Olive View became a general hospital. The current hospital building was opened in 1987.

The administration at Olive View Medical Center has identified many historical documents that showcase the history of the hospital which have been left untouched for decades. It is important to preserve these documents and ensure their accessibility to the general public and academic institutions.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors assist the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West in the enhancement of its historical medical collection by donating surplus historical items as identified by the administration at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center.

WE, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of the Department of Health Services, or her designee, to execute a donation agreement on behalf of the County setting forth the specific items to be donated to the USC Libraries in association with the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West, the terms and conditions of the donation, including a provision that allows the County the right to access the donated items upon reasonable request, and the understanding that the County will be allowed the right to reclaim the items should the Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West no longer wish to keep them.

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