



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 15, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“In August 2007, Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Medical Center closed, after loss of certification. At the Board’s direction, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Health Services quickly initiated a process to determine if a private operator could be found to reopen Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital (MLK Hospital). A consultant was hired to facilitate the process on behalf of the County. A Request for Solutions was issued, with proposals due in November 2007, which resulted in proposals which included Pacific Hospital in Long Beach. At the same time, the consultant directly contacted specific entities which were known to have the capacity to operate a facility such as MLK Hospital. These entities included Catholic Healthcare West, Daughters of Charity and the University of California.

“Recent reports indicated that the County was initiating negotiations with Pacific Hospital and that Pacific Hospital has now pulled out of these negotiations. It is important that the process to identify an operator for MLK Hospital proceed.”

Los Angeles Councilman Bernard Parks and Jose Gonzales addressed the Board.

Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director of Health Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Executive Officer was directed to report back to the Board at its meeting of April 22, 2008, on the status of negotiations with Pacific Hospital, including alternative plans and recommendations to reopen Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

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