



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

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At its meeting held October 7, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On November 20, 2007, the Board approved my motion which directed the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Department of Public Health to research the viability of inspecting and posting grades at skilled nursing homes and convalescent homes. The report back to the Board indicated that the County does not have the authority to impose a mandatory grading system for these facilities, as the California Legislature has vested the authority to inspect and regulate these facilities solely with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Although, given these findings, the Chief Executive Office, the Department of Public Health, and my office are exploring options for improving consumer information about skilled nursing and convalescent homes.

“Although State-mandated inspections are frequent, their results and inspection reports are not posted on the Department of Public Health’s website, and therefore the results are seldom noticed by the patients and residents of the nursing homes. Like the restaurant grading system in the County, a facility rating guide for skilled nursing facilities should be graded on their compliance with health regulations and those marks prominently displayed.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the State Legislature and the Director of the State Department of Public Health to support a facility rating guide for skilled nursing facilities and convalescent homes;

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2. Instructed the Director of the Public Health to post the results and inspection reports on the Department of Public Health's website: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/>; and
3. Report back to the Board in 30 days.

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