

September 3, 2008

William L. Gilbert, MBA, FACHE, CEO
Regional Medical Center of San Jose
225 North Jackson Avenue
San Jose, CA 95116

RE: Registered Nurses at Good Samaritan Hospital and Regional Medical of San Jose

Dear Chief Executive Officers William L. Gilbert:

I am writing to convey my support of Registered Nurses employed with the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) who are working to advance the interests of patients and the nursing profession. I recognize that Registered Nurses are on the front line and struggle every day to provide quality care in an increasingly complex healthcare system. This is particularly true here as RNs have had the extra burden of filling the gap in patient care left by HCA's closure of the former San Jose Medical Center.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



KANSEN CHU
Councilmember, City of San José

CC: Bryan Rogers, HCA Far West Division President

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Good Samaritan Hospital
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