

October 6, 2008

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Dear Bill,

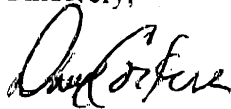
I'm writing to you today regarding the registered nurses working at HCA facilities in San Jose. Many of these employees live in the district I represent and are hard at work to provide excellent patient care in this era of shrinking budgets.

I recently met with representatives from the California Nurses Association. They explained to me their side of the negotiations that are in progress between their union and the HCA. I thought they raised several fair points as they touched on topics related to staffing levels for patient care, etc.

It is my hope that the negotiations will result in a meaningful compromise, respectful of the workforce, management and most important, the patient. If I can be at all helpful in this discussion, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dave Cortese  
Vice Mayor