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

Dear Chief Executive Officers William K. Pinché and William L. Gilbert,

I am writing to you in support of the Registered Nurses employed at the HCA facilities in and around my district. They are working through professional organizations and unions, like the California Nurses Association/NNOC, to achieve a high standard of care for patients and an improved quality of life for RNs.

I understand that the RNs at Good Samaritan and Regional Medical Center are working under an extended collective bargaining agreement and they are working to achieve enhanced staffing, safe patient care protections and retirement security. I am, therefore, requesting that the HCA take all available steps to reach a contract that honors the work of the Registered Nurses and protects the health and safety of patients.

I know that RNs in San Jose have had to fill the gap in patient care left by the closure of the former San Jose Medical Center and I applaud the CAN/NNOC RNs for their patient advocacy and efforts to hold their employer accountable in the community. As the nation's largest healthcare chain, HCA has a responsibility to lead the industry by setting the highest standards where patient and RN rights are respected.

Sincerely,



Nora Campos
Councilmember, City of San José

Cc: Bryan Rogers, HCA Far West Division President