



CITY OF

NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 6

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2020-62: Recognition of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian

ABSTRACT:

Per City Council direction, a resolution has been prepared recognizing Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (Hoag) for its longstanding support of the community, its leadership addressing the coronavirus pandemic, and its decision to seek ownership independence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-62, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Supporting and Commending Hoag Hospital for Going the Extra Mile to Care for, Educate and Protect the Residents of Newport Beach and Orange County During the COVID-19 Outbreak and Supporting Hoag's Effort to Become Independent of Providence Health.*

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

On June 9, 2020, through a request by Mayor O'Neill, the City Council directed staff to bring forward a resolution recognizing Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (Hoag) for its longstanding support of the Newport Beach community, for going the extra mile addressing the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and for its decision to seek ownership independence from Providence Health (Attachment A).

In 1952, Hoag was founded in Newport Beach by the Association of Presbyterian members of Hoag and the George Hoag Family Foundation. When Hoag first opened its doors, it was a small-community hospital supporting the healthcare needs of Newport Beach and west Orange County. Since that time, Hoag has developed into a top-rated regional health care provider with two full-service hospitals and thirteen clinics.

The City of Newport Beach, through the Newport Beach Fire Department (NBFD), and Hoag have fostered a successful partnership in addressing the medical needs of the community. Hoag has been instrumental in the development of Project Wipeout, an educational program focused on spinal cord injuries and recovery in conjunction with the NBFD Lifeguard Division. In addition, the NBFD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division works closely with Hoag to ensure a seamless continuum of care to the residents and visitors transported by the NBFD. This partnership provides for the highest level of care, which has led to a record setting number of the department's transported cardiac patients fully recovering.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hoag stepped up to address several challenging issues – a nationwide shortfall of personal protective equipment (PPE) and reassuring the community it was prepared to meet the high demand for quality medical care during these unprecedented times.

Hoag took quick action to respond to the PPE shortage. In collaboration with its infectious disease experts and its local 3D printing provider, they were able to design and develop PPE supplies consisting of high-quality eye protection, disposable and reusable face shields, and complex negative airflow cuffs. With the ability to print its own supply and a national shortage of PPE, Hoag focused its attention on supplying PPE to local first responders including the NBFD, the Newport Beach Police Department, community outreach centers, and its business and community partners. Between mid-April and early May, Hoag distributed over 11,000 disposable face shields, 14,000 eye protection goggles, and 8,000 N95 masks to the community.

On May 23, the County of Orange (County) announced it had received approval to enter Stage 2 of the State's COVID-19 reopening plan. A requirement for receiving the State's approval included the County having a robust reserve of PPE supplies. When the County had a shortfall, Hoag stepped up to fill the gap by transferring 82,000 face masks and 85,000 gowns. This effort allowed the County to obtain final approval and allow the reopening of many local businesses.

Faced with a worldwide pandemic, Hoag's leadership, doctors, nurses, technicians, and administrative staff stepped up to ensure the community's well-being. Hoag put forth extraordinary efforts and has continued to provide the high-quality health care that it has become known for throughout these challenging times.

On June 8, Hoag announced its plan to seek ownership independence from Providence Health. The decision, made by the Hoag Board, medical staff and the members of the Hoag Foundation, to regain its independence and keep resources and decision-making local is a realignment of Hoag's founding mission and to further strengthen its existing reputation as a trusted health care system for Orange County.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2020-62