

RESOLUTION NO. 70-14

RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL URGING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO INTEGRATE DOCTOR'S MEDICAL CENTER INTO CONTRA COSTA HEALTH SERVICES AS A FULL SERVICE ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND AND TO ALL RESIDENTS OF WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, access to health care in West Contra Costa County should be accessible to all, and,

WHEREAS, that access to health care should include hospital care and outpatient care equal to all other areas of the county, and,

WHEREAS, at the moment, West Contra Costa County is disproportionately lacking in health care providers compared to other areas of Contra Costa County, and,

WHEREAS, the future of Doctor's Medical Center, and its life saving services may soon be terminated, and,

WHEREAS, should Doctor's Medical Center close, residents would need to travel to Martinez to receive medical care, such travel would cause a hardship for many of our residents, and,

WHEREAS, the closure of Doctor's Medical Center would put a significant strain on the Kaiser Permanente Richmond Medical Center; the Kaiser facility would be negatively impacted due to the influx of patients, and,

WHEREAS, other county hospitals do not have the same capabilities that Doctors Medical Center does; as Doctor's Medical Center staffs a top of the line cardiovascular and asthma/respiratory program, and,

WHEREAS, West Contra Costa County is predominantly comprised of Latino, African American and elderly communities; all of whom have the highest rate of cardiovascular disease. West Contra Costa also has the highest rate of asthma and respiratory illnesses in the county; and,

WHEREAS, Doctor's Medical Center serves thousands of patients from all over the region, and also handles all industrial accidents within the immediate area, and,

WHEREAS, Doctor's Medical Center utilizes its special equipment, such as its specialized Cardiac Catheterization Lab, to assist many West Contra Costa residents with health issues that result from living in the East Bay Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council respectfully urges Contra Costa County to integrate Doctor's Medical Center into Contra Costa Health Services as a full service acute care hospital to provide health care to residents of Richmond and to all residents of West Contra Costa County.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a special meeting thereof held July 30, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Boozé, Myrick, Rogers, Vice Mayor Beckles, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Butt.

ABSTENTION: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 70-14**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on July 30, 2014.