



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT**

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE POSEY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: JULY 20, 2020

SUBJECT: **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN FOR THEIR CONTINUED DELIVERY OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE AS A COMMUNITY-BASED HOSPITAL FOR ORANGE COUNTY**

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Since its founding in 1952, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (Hoag) has provided our community with the highest quality of health care services. Hoag initially began in Newport Beach as a community-based hospital and has since expanded with the growth of Orange County's population. Hoag is now considered a top-rated medical provider that is devoted to the health of our local communities and has served the residents of Huntington Beach well.

Hoag has demonstrated a strong commitment to our City, and it is essential to support their mission to expand and transform their health care delivery model in the region. Their investments in Huntington Beach include the Hoag Health Care Center and two urgent care facilities. Hoag has also donated millions towards the Huntington Beach Senior Center in Central Park as a sign of their continued partnership with the City.

In 2014, Hoag became affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital System to expand its network and better serve the Orange County area. Two years later, St. Joseph (and therefore, Hoag) became affiliated with Seattle-based Providence Health.

Hoag's founders, Board of Directors, physicians, and staff believe that this affiliation with a health care system outside Orange County does not further their mission to transform the quality of care locally. To better serve our region's needs, Hoag and its representatives are currently seeking independence from Providence and a return to a community-based hospital model. Hoag believes that this path will allow Hoag's local physicians and staff to determine and deliver the best course of care for Orange County patients.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

I recommend that the City Council direct the City Manager to prepare a Resolution, similar to the attached document, to support Hoag's efforts to seek independence from its current affiliation with Seattle-based Providence Health.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
ACKNOWLEDGING HOAG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PRESBYTERIAN FOR THEIR CONTINUED  
DELIVERY OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS  
TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE AS A COMMUNITY-BASED HOSPITAL FOR ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (Hoag) was founded in Newport Beach as a community hospital in 1952 by the Association of Presbyterian Members of Hoag and the George Hoag Family Foundation to support the Orange County community; and

WHEREAS, from 1952 to 2020 Hoag has expanded from a small facility serving west Orange County to a top-rated regional health care provider with two full-service hospitals and thirteen clinics in the County; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian Foundation was formed with Dr. Arnold O. Beckman as President. Over the ensuing 42-years the Foundation has raised nearly \$2 billion to support health care services for Orange County's growing population; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Hoag entered into an "affiliation" with St. Joseph's Hospital System to support an ambitious plan to transform care in in Orange County, and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Hoag opened Hoag Health Center Huntington Beach and currently operates two Urgent Care facilities in the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 St. Joseph's Health System affiliated with Seattle-based Providence Health, one of the largest health systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, Hoag's goals of transforming care in Orange County through an affiliation have not been achieved and Hoag's Board, medical staff, and founders believe it is in the best interests of the community for Hoag to regain its independence and keep resources and decision making local; and

WHEREAS, after nearly one year of efforts by Hoag to negotiate an amicable separation, on May 1, 2020 the Hoag Family Foundation and Association of Presbyterian Members (Founders) filed a lawsuit to dissolve their relationship with Providence; and

WHEREAS, Hoag's doctors and Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the legal action of the Founders to dissolve the Providence relationship; and

WHEREAS, Hoag seeks its independence to meet the future health care needs of the entire community and allow physicians to decide the course of care.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Huntington Beach recognizes Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian's 68-year history of providing the highest quality health care to Orange County; and

SECTION 2. The City of Huntington Beach acknowledges Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian's commitment to Huntington Beach with its \$3.775 million dollar donation to the Huntington Beach Senior Center in Central Park; and

SECTION 3. The City of Huntington Beach supports Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in their effort to become independent and return to a community-based hospital serving Orange County's residents with the high-quality health care they deserve.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of July 2020 by the following vote.

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Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

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City Manager

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Assistant City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney