

Prior to its closure on August 15, 2007, the hospital at Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center (MLK) provided essential emergency and inpatient medical care to the South Los Angeles community. The hospital previously provided an average daily census (ADC) of approximately 255, and 72,000 emergency room visits and 156,000 outpatient visits in 1994-95, to an ADC of 153 and approximately 42,000 emergency room visits and 164,000 outpatient visits in 2005-06. Since the closure of MLK, the facility has functioned as a multi-service ambulatory care center (MACC), providing non-life threatening care in the urgent care center, and general medicine care in the outpatient clinics.

The loss of hospital services in South Los Angeles has had a profound impact on this community where there continues to be a critical need. The hospitals' closure resulted in increased emergency and inpatient services at surrounding County and private hospitals. As a Los Angeles County Supervisor, my top priority will be to re-open MLK. MLK has a long history in the County of Los Angeles and the people of South Los Angeles need and deserve first-rate health care. We need to ensure that

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when the hospital is re-opened, we have a hospital in place that will ensure the delivery of first-class health care.

The current inpatient facility requires seismic retrofit, which is estimated to cost \$210 million and take approximately four years to complete. In addition, once seismically retrofit, the current inpatient facility will need to be replaced by 2030. In contrast, the new patient tower is seismically compliant and can be built-out to meet the inpatient needs at less cost and more quickly, and it would not need replacement for a longer period of time. It is imperative that the County move forward expeditiously with development and implementation of a plan to restore these services to the South Los Angeles community.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Office, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health Services to develop a plan, including cost estimates and schedule, to conform the existing campus facilities or construct new facilities, to include an initial phase to provide a 120 licensed bed inpatient hospital, emergency room, MACC, and any necessary hospital support services, and report back to the Board in 60 days with a cost estimate and schedule.