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To Whom It May Concern:

The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), which represents over 85 hospitals in Los Angeles County wishes to express its appreciation for the temporary repurposing of the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel to house people who are COVID positive. Our nation is facing one of the largest health crises in modern times. Physicians, nurses, health care personnel and support staff are on the frontlines caring for people who are ill. It is imperative that our region work collectively to prepare for the anticipated surge, while also supporting Public Health's effort that residents adhere to social distancing efforts in order to 'flatten the curve' in the coming weeks.

Now is the time for hospitals, clinics, and local government to partner together and identify programs and services that support the needs of residents. This means providing a resource that allows COVID positive individuals to self-isolate in a safe environment while reducing community transmission. It is for this reason, that HASC supports the plan to temporarily repurpose the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel to house those in need during this pandemic emergency.

We applaud our elected leaders, at all levels of government, who have taken aggressive action to pursue innovative solutions during unprecedented times. The use of this property is an example of taking bold action for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaime Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jaime Garcia
Regional Vice President, Los Angeles Region
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