

Submitter: Kathleen Packard

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4075

"Dear State Treasurer and Lawmakers,

I am urging you to vote YES on the legislative package to assist the Bay Area Hospital, including House Bill 4075. The Hospital's ongoing sustainability has been proved out through months of performance improvements, though assistance is still needed. There are multiple reasons why we ask for the state's help: 1) past management has made some very poor decisions without the knowledge of the public, 2) loss of the hospital would create a devastating environment, impacting the health of our residents as well as crushing our already fragile economy. Our current BAH leadership team is doing a remarkable job getting a handle on the situation and addressing the critical needs for a turnaround. I support them completely and will do everything I possibly can to assist. If it turns out we need to float a bond, I will be out on the street rallying support. We turned out the previous board and CEO; we can pass a bond levy!

If we do nothing this Legislative Session, the community will be facing significant economic and healthcare impacts, including an estimated 2,089 more patient transfers and 182 preventable deaths per year.

Your support of the Bay Area Hospital is needed now.

With regards