



COUNCIL REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Hayward City Council

From: Mayor Mark Salinas and Council Member Ray Bonilla, Jr.

Subject: Referral – City of Hayward Funding and Support for St. Rose Hospital

Date: December 12, 2023

BACKGROUND:

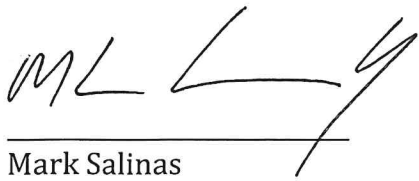
St. Rose Hospital is a safety net facility, serving a significant number of Medi-Cal, uninsured, and under-insured patients in our community. It's our only hospital in Hayward, and serves more than 400,000 individuals in the Hayward, Union City, San Leandro and Eden area, as well as parts of Fremont. The hospital sees over 25,000 emergency room patients a year. With Kaiser no longer operates a hospital in Hayward, St. Rose is the only facility receiving 9-1-1 patients in the Bay Area's fifth largest city.

As with most standalone independent not-for-profit community hospitals around the country, St. Rose continues to face financial challenges arising from its role as a safety net facility, which have been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. The hospital is a vital community resource, and therefore we must work together to ensure these critical services remain available to our most vulnerable and underserved community members. Alameda County and community organizations have contributed to the financial sustainability of the hospital, and we would like the City of Hayward to do the same.

RECOMMENDATION:

This referral requests that Council direct staff to:

1. Bring back to City Council options to provide \$250,000 to \$500,000 in ongoing funding to St. Rose Hospital to support the continued delivery of vital health care services to our community while hospital leadership works on a long term, sustainable financial plan.
2. Work with County Health Care Services Agency staff to maximize the benefit these funds would provide St. Rose (in addition to the existing County funding allocation) and on the timing of delivery of the funds to the hospital.

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Mark Salinas
Mayor

Handwritten signature of Ray Bonilla Jr. in black ink, featuring a large 'R' and 'B'.

Ray Bonilla Jr.
Council Member