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Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication regarding Item 19 on today's agenda.

Item 19 - 220619 Hearing - Committee of the Whole - Laguna Honda Hospital's Strategy for Recertification and the Submission of a Closure and Patient Transfer and Relocation Plan - September 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you,

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your serious investigation into this matter.

Laguna Honda is a San Francisco institution. This tortured process of patient transfer and relocation highlights the need for more nursing beds, not fewer. I am appalled at the deaths resulting from this travesty. The Gray Panthers have been involved in the LH struggle for many years and I support the position as follows.

- Laguna Honda be open to all San Franciscans who need nursing home care
- SFPDPH Stop the "flow" project & return admission decisions to LHH Staff
- No forced closures
- No discharges for Skilled-Nursing-Facility-eligible residents
- No discharge for non-SNF-eligible residents until safe and local arrangements are made.
- No loss of beds in this nearly new facility
- Funding for existing residents must continue until recertification
- Sufficient mental health and substance use programs and beds to give people the care they need, and sufficient services for elders and people with disabilities to stay in their communities where possible, to prevent inappropriate nursing home admissions.

Please represent all of your constituents, and put a stop to the danger and death that will occur, both now and in the future, if beds are lost or the most vulnerable residents are again ejected from Laguna Honda.

Sincerely,
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