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[File number: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 – November 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.]

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Thank you again for all the good work you are doing in this time of crisis for Laguna Honda Hospital, it's patients and family members. Please continue to stand up for this all important community institution. !!

As you know November 13, 2022, is drawing near and there has been no decision to permanently stop the patient transfers from LHH.

We are sickened by the deadly fate of the 9 innocent patients that have been the victims of what appears to be a situation created and furthered by The CMS, the the SF and CA Dept of Public Health and some politicians. We want the people involved to now reverse this deadly decision.

Our elderly and medically fragile loved ones have been subjected to the chaos and terror of being and possibly being displaced into substandard and de-humanizing

SNF's since March. They are being traumatized for 7 months now! and with no end in sight?? We, the Families are going through the same.!! And the Laguna Honda Staff is also in daily uncertainty of losing their jobs come November.

This must stop. It must stop now!

I align with the Gray Panthers demands for Laguna Honda Hospital. This must be supported. Additionally, If Laguna Honda is forced to be closed and empty, this will be a cruel sentence, not only to the patients, the elderly, the medically fragile and needy in San Francisco, but will stand as one of the great inhumane and deadly actions imposed by a government agency, a city that is supposed to be progressive and its so-called 'good' community leaders.

Nationally, the overall abysmal treatment of elders and disrespect as shown by the horrific state of SNFs and lack of SNFs, I hope, becomes an immediate wake up call for our society! This trajectory is bad. Use Laguna Honda to lead the way as an institution of great competence, dignity and availability for our community and shift the paradigm far and wide so other cities will emulate and shift. Do this by staying open! and continuing to upgrade and fix their problems!

The mission of the CMS is to uphold safety for health facilities. I urge you to create more and better facilities to house our elderly, not close the facilities!

I support the following demands by the Gray Panthers:

In order to not endanger current Laguna Honda residents who have no equivalent place to go in the county, and to preserve all of the beds for the people of San Francisco who will someday need a nursing home, I demand that the Board of Supervisors direct that:

- **Laguna Honda be open to all San Franciscans who need nursing home care**
- **SFDPH Stop the "flow" project & return admission decisions to LHH Staff**

- No forced closure
- 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

- Provide 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.

I ask that you **do your duty to represent all of your constituents**, including the most vulnerable, 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.

Thank you!

Donna D'Eufemia

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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Rasa Gustaitis regarding File No. 220619.

File No. 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

Sincerely,

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Subject: Laguna Honda

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To shut down Laguna Honda would be cruel and irresponsible. It would mean casting out some of the most helpless among us, with nowhere for them to go.

I am glad to hear the City is working to avert that and urge you to make recertification the highest priority.

I have known people who have worked, volunteered, and lived at this unique refuge. It is irreplaceable. To shut it down is unthinkable.

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Subject: Re: Laguna Honda Discharges

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Hello,

I spoke a remote comment but didn't get to finish. I am just learning how many words go into a 2minute comment. Here is my full comment (last two paragraphs were not included in comment):

Good afternoon Bd of Supervisors and all in attendance:

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Bd for the unanimously voted resolution that petitioned the CMS to stop discharges at LHH. I believe that made a difference along with the law suits from the district attorneys of SF, to get the CMS to 'halt ' the deadly discharges. At least no one has had to die recently!

My name is Donna DEufemia and I have an elderly disabled brother currently at LHH. To be clear, he is getting good care there relative to any other available medi-cal SNF in the area and SF is his home and we both want him to reside there.

I have been very involved in the activism for the benefit of my brother and the spectrum of all surrounding LHH. It is very difficult to not feel terrified and outraged, especially toward the CMS's decision.

I absolutely align with the list of demands of the Gray Panthers and am grateful for their commitment to advocate on behalf of the patients of LHH and to demand a healthy and reasonable social safety net for those in need of a SNF and good care for others in need.

Most importantly, In November 2022, I understand the CMS will likely continue transfers

regardless of how many deaths, displacements and suffering it will cause. I understand this comes from their mandates about compliance and recertification. At least that is what they say. I believe any thinking and feeling person is on the same page with how insane and cruel this is. **I am imploring the BD once again to find a path to permanently stop these transfers and permanently separate this mandate from the recertification process.**

Displacing another 600 people, plus taking away 120 beds, is clearly the wrong thing to do. There is literally no other place for them to go. What will it take to have the CMS permanently stop this insanity and what other measures can anyone do to support this happening immediately. ?? I implore you to take more action for our most vulnerable. This is still a crisis and we must do better; November 13 is just around the corner.

Thank you!

~Donna D'Eufemia~

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