

April 17, 2024

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION 2024-027 DENOUNCING ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERNITY WARD OR LABOR AND DELIVERY MEDICAL SERVICES AT SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL CHULA VISTA. (0240-20)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

City Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the April 3, 2024 City Council meeting, several concerned citizens and medical personnel informed the City Council of the pending closure of the maternity ward at the Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista and intent to move any such services to the Hillcrest hospital site for Scripps Mercy. The Mayor directed Staff to prepare this agenda item which allows the City Council to hear from concerned citizens and consider adoption of a resolution on the subject to express the City's concerns with any potential negative impacts that could arise for Imperial Beach residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider resolution.

OPTIONS:

- Consider approval of resolution and direct City Staff to send it to Scripps Mercy; or
- Provide other direction to City Staff.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City Council of the City of Imperial Beach was recently made aware of an upcoming change in operations by Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista to close the maternity ward and move labor and delivery medical services from the Chula Vista hospital site to Scripps Mercy hospital site in Hillcrest. At the April 3 City Council meeting, Imperial Beach residents and medical personnel expressed extreme concern about the effects of such a modification of service. Negative impacts from this modification of service at the Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista include the length of time and methods of transportation for infirm or low-income families if labor and delivery services are necessary, increased vehicle emissions from new commutes, and any other reduced services and/or lower quality of life that could result from such a modification.

The City Council could adopt the attached resolution to denounce such changes and to express its concern for Imperial Beach residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2024-27