

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DENOUNCING ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERNITY WARD OR LABOR AND DELIVERY MEDICAL SERVICES AT SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL CHULA VISTA

WHEREAS, 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 services from the Chula Vista hospital site to Scripps Mercy hospital site in Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Beach residents and medical personnel have expressed extreme concern about the effects of such a modification of service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach is concerned about any negative impacts that this modification of service at the Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista could have on patients or employees from Imperial Beach due to 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach is already an underserved community struggling with transboundary water pollution that has impacted the community for decades, without any relief or support from the State of California or the U.S. Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach is concerned with any actions that may reduce labor and delivery services for Imperial Beach residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City of Imperial Beach denounces any modifications to labor and delivery medical services or operations and/or closure of the maternity ward at Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Imperial Beach at its meeting held on the 17th day of April 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
DISQUALIFIED: COUNCILMEMBERS:

PALOMA AGUIRRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE M. KELLY, MMC
CITY CLERK