

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL LATEST UPDATES

We have just received news that the transfer of patients will be paused at the Laguna Honda Hospital. The federal government has agreed to the cities urgent requests to reexamine the relocation policy.

I am grateful that Laguna Honda patients and families can breathe a sigh of relief today. It took many anxious months of desperate pleas from patients, families, advocates, and elected officials to reverse the ill-fated decision to require relocating frail residents at Laguna Honda at great risk to them. I hope CMS will continue to do the right thing and allow vulnerable patients to continue receiving care at Laguna Honda until the recertification process is completed. We cannot lose this Hospital. It is the beacon of hope for many families who have nowhere else to go for skilled nursing. I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure that this does not happen and we save Laguna Honda. The Board of Supervisors joins Mayor Breed, Labor leaders, the Department of Public Health and families in unifying behind our collective effort to keep Laguna Honda open to serve San Francisco. We need more skilled nursing beds for our elderly and vulnerable residents, not less, so it is critical we preserve what we have.

Your letters, petitions, resolutions, and phone calls had their desired effect. Thank you for your advocacy and support and love for Laguna Honda Hospital.

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