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RESOLUTION #24-07

IN SUPPORT OF WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOND MEASURE N

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is committed to the health and well-being of the Pajaro Valley and our region's healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, safe, affordable, accessible, and quality local healthcare is required for the health and well-being of the Pajaro Valley; and

WHEREAS, the improvement, expansion, and sustainability of Watsonville Community Hospital is essential for long-term quality healthcare in the Pajaro Valley; and

WHEREAS, our dedicated and trusted local doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals are in dire need of modern equipment and tools to care for our community; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education supports the following important investments in the future of Watsonville Community Hospital and quality local healthcare:

1. Expanding and renovating its emergency room, nearly doubling its size, to provide better emergency care and meet the growing needs of our community;
2. Upgrading its imaging systems including X-rays, MRI, and CT scanners;
3. Purchasing the hospital property to save \$3 million per year in rent payments, which could then be used for doctors, nurses, and enhancing healthcare services;
4. Repairing or replacing several aged hospital building systems such as plumbing; heating; ventilation, and air conditioning systems, and replacing the aging roof;
5. Modernizing the hospital facilities to provide additional services, so patients don't have to travel to other hospitals to get the care they need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education hereby resolves to support Bond Measure N.

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education
February 15, 2024

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 15th day of February 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: **Alto, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen**

NAYS:

ABSENT: **Acosta**

ABSTAIN:



Sue Roth, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools