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Alameda Health System Formally Accepts Sutter Health's Offer to Donate San Leandro Hospital & Establish Transition Operating Fund

San Leandro, CA – Sutter Health and Alameda Health System (AHS) approved a formal agreement memorializing the donation of San Leandro Hospital to AHS, as the leaderships of both organizations have agreed to the transfer of ownership of the San Leandro Hospital from Sutter Health to AHS in the coming months.

“This agreement is a significant milestone towards Alameda Health System’s vision to expand access to quality, affordable care to our diverse community,” said AHS Chief Executive Officer Wright L. Lassiter, III. “We appreciate Sutter Health’s willingness to work with us to accomplish the transfer of the hospital.”

The agreement authorizes Sutter Health to donate and transfer the assets of San Leandro Hospital—including the building, land and equipment—to AHS and to establish a transition operating fund.

“Sutter Health’s donation provides AHS and local health officials the flexibility to determine how to most effectively deliver health care services on this campus,” said David Bradley, President of the Sutter Health East Bay Region. “We’re very glad to be collaborating with AHS on this important transition.”

In addition to the significant transition fund support from Sutter Health, AHS will rely on the combined efforts and partnership with the San Leandro medical staff as well as additional financial support from the Eden Township Healthcare District, the City of San Leandro and Alameda County.

Completing this agreement clears the path for filing a change of hospital ownership. The transfer of ownership of San Leandro Hospital to AHS is anticipated to be finalized by October 30, 2013.

“We want to recognize Supervisor Wilma Chan for her leadership in bringing the parties together,” said Lassiter. “Her continued focus and the diligent work of our organizations led to a historic agreement for this important community institution.”

AHS is a 475-bed public health care system headquartered in Oakland with more than 3,000 employees and 500 physicians. San Leandro Hospital is a 93-bed facility owned and operated by nonprofit Sutter Health, based in Sacramento.

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About Alameda Health System (AHS)

Alameda Health System, a major public health care provider headquartered in Oakland, California, is recognized as a world-class patient and family centered system of care. AHS employs nearly 3,000 people, including 500 physicians at six facilities. These include Highland Hospital, a major regional trauma center and teaching hospital; John George Psychiatric Hospital, an acute and emergency care facility in San Leandro; Fairmont Hospital, an acute rehabilitation hospital and skilled nursing facility, also in San Leandro; and four ambulatory wellness centers in Oakland as well as in Newark and Hayward.

About Sutter Health

Serving patients and their families in more than 100 Northern California cities and towns, Sutter Health doctors, not-for-profit hospitals and other health care service providers share resources and expertise to advance health care quality and access. The Sutter Medical Network includes many of California's top-performing, highest quality physician organizations as measured annually by the Integrated Healthcare Association. Sutter-affiliated hospitals are regional leaders in cardiac care, women's and children's services, cancer care, orthopedics and advanced patient safety technology.