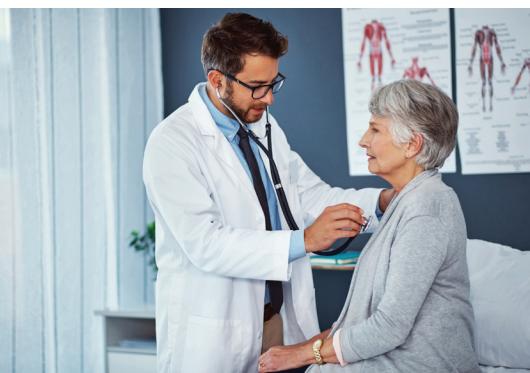


Important Community Update on the Proposed Sale of Petaluma Valley Hospital



“The Petaluma Valley Hospital is a critical health care resource for Sonoma County. We pride ourselves on providing the only emergency room that serves all of southern Sonoma County and Petaluma, including Kaiser patients who also count on the emergency room facilities and quality care received at PVH. The agreement with NorCal HealthConnect will greatly benefit the community and assure continued access to a high quality hospital providing a range of health care services, including emergency services, well into the future.”

– Ramona Faith, Chief Executive Officer, Petaluma Health Care District










Important Information Regarding an Agreement for Petaluma Valley Hospital



Dear Neighbor,

We wanted to reach out to you today with important information regarding a purchase agreement reached between the Petaluma Health Care District, the owner of Petaluma Valley Hospital (PVH), and NorCal HealthConnect, LLC, a secular affiliate of Providence St. Joseph Health. The agreement reached between the Petaluma Health Care District and NorCal HealthConnect would allow for the sale of the hospital for \$52.6 million dollars. **The sale is subject to voter approval in the November 3, 2020 general election.** The measure that will appear on the ballot will ask voters whether or not to approve the sale; there will NOT be any increase in taxes resulting from the measure's passage.

As part of the terms of the agreement, it is important to note the following:

-  If the sale is approved by voters, PVH will continue to be an acute care hospital with an emergency room, the only one in Southern Sonoma County, guaranteed for at least twenty more years.
-  If you are a Kaiser patient, PVH will serve as your emergency room to ensure you can continue to be treated locally in the event of an emergency.
-  PVH will continue providing all current hospital offerings including OB services for a minimum of five more years. The OB related services are especially important since many hospitals no longer provide such services.
-  PVH will remain available to all residents in times of need. During the 2017 Tubbs Fire, when two of the three larger hospitals in Santa Rosa were closed, PVH was a critical county health care resource.
-  PVH will continue to be the only hospital in Petaluma and the third largest hospital in Sonoma County.
-  With the sale, the Petaluma Health Care District will be able to further invest in programs dedicated to community health, such as those working to improve health equity, education, mental and behavioral health, senior wellness, homelessness and housing.
-  The Petaluma Health Care District shall also maintain representation on PVH's governing board.

The agreement reached between both parties will be discussed in greater detail during upcoming community meetings this month. In the meantime, you can learn more by visiting phcd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ramona Faith".

Ramona Faith, CEO
Petaluma Health Care District

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