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Dear Dr. Newman,

The California Nurses Association is pleased to support and endorse CareNex Health Services in its interest to acquire Alvarado Hospital Medical Center from Tenet Healthcare.

CareNex Health Services and the CNA share the common goal of promoting patient welfare and enhancing patient care. CareNex Health Services has demonstrated a reliable and consistent will and exceptional proficiency in serving the community, always putting the needs of patients and families first.

Pejman Salimpour, MD serves as President and CEO of this organization. Dr. Salimpour is a giving and honorable person who has demonstrated a consistent and noteworthy track record of leadership and programmatic and fiscal success in all areas of healthcare. Dr. Salimpour is as respected for his understanding and contribution to the sciences and to teaching as he is for his multiple successful ventures in health care. We are confident that these characteristics will be embedded into Alvarado Hospital Medical Center.

The California Nurses Association represents over 65,000 members in 165 facilities throughout California, and thousands more across the country. We are the largest and fastest-growing organization of direct care Registered Nurses in the country and are dedicated to providing a voice for nurses and a vision for healthcare.

We believe wholeheartedly that CareNex Health Services will work very effectively with Alvarado Hospital Medical Center's current medical staff and stakeholders to form positive partnerships in delivering quality healthcare.

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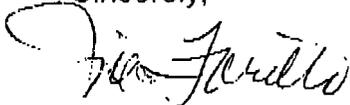
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CareNex, lead by Dr. Salimpour will continue to join forces with nurses, physicians, and community partners in the kind of collaborative relationship that has become the hallmark of Dr. Salimpour's, and CareNex's, blueprint for success.

We have every confidence that the CareNex team will continue to provide the full range of high quality services that are so important to our communities. Further, Dr. Salimpour's proven leadership abilities demonstrate that the transition would take place with ease and without any considerable disruption of existing operations. We have every expectation that what will emerge will be a strong community of doctors and nurses eager to serve the health care needs of San Diego.

In conclusion, the California Nurses Association recommends CareNex Health Services without reservation. We are confident that CareNex Health Services will go on to positively impact patient needs, and we are looking forward to watching Alvarado Hospital Medical Center continue to provide quality patient care. If we can be of any more assistance, or if the review committee has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 446-5019.

Sincerely,



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