



## CITY OF LONG BEACH

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### LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2014

Via Facsimile, Federal Express and E-Mail

Nirav R. Shah M.D.  
M.P.H. Commissioner  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Commissioner Shah:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Long Beach as well as our neighbors along the entire barrier island, a letter was sent to you on October 25, 2013, imploring that the application filed by South Nassau Communities Hospital for an Urgent Care Center at the emergency room located at the Long Beach Medical Center be expeditiously approved.

It has been over two months and, to date, we are still waiting for information on the status of that application. We must remind you that we are a city of approximately 35,000 people, situated on a barrier island. Access on and off of the island is solely via bridges. Each and every resident of the island suffers without a functioning care center situated here in Long Beach. An Urgent Care Center, under the auspices of South Nassau Communities Hospital, is what the City of Long Beach desperately needs now.

We also requested that you expedite the transition to a fully functioning 24 hour 911 Receiving Emergency Department that our ambulances can transport to, thereby removing the need to cross bridges and transport patients outside of the City. We have not received any information on either request.

It is almost fifteen months since Superstorm Sandy. The City of Long Beach and our residents have made a remarkable comeback. Yet, we still are not whole. We need a functioning Urgent

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Care Center built as quickly as possible with a fully functioning 24 hour 911 Receiving Emergency Department. Your immediate intervention is essential in order to provide appropriate medical care for our residents, as well as for the protection of the entire barrier island.

Very Truly Yours,  
City of Long Beach City Council



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cc: Richard Murphy, CEO, South Nassau Communities Hospital