



City of Long Beach

Advocating for Our Residents



City Council Continues to Urge New York State to Approve Urgent Care and 911-Receiving Emergency Room

The Long Beach City Council has again unanimously called upon the State's Health Commissioner to immediately approve urgent care and move toward a 911 receiving emergency room.

Proactive Steps the City is Taking:

1. As a substantial creditor of Long Beach Medical Center, the City has retained specialized bankruptcy counsel to ensure that we have a seat at the table in the process of determining what the future will hold for the hospital. The hospital's bankruptcy filing is a necessary step in the process to move things forward with Long Beach Medical Center.
2. In March, the City Council sent a letter to NY State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Nirav Shah requesting that NY State conduct a revised, up-to-date study, similar to the one performed in 2006 (the "Berger Report"). This study will specifically be performed for the City of Long Beach and the entire barrier island community to address our needs for hospital services.
3. The City also announced that it would be hiring a consultant to conduct a thorough review of its emergency services needs.

Additionally, over the past year, the City Council has continued to advocate for Long Beach residents.

This City Council has:

- ✓ Strongly advocated to the New York State Health Commissioner, explaining their position through a series of letters.
- ✓ Participated in various meetings with New York State Health Commissioner Nirav R. Shah, Hospital CEO Douglas Melzer, South Nassau and the Hospital's Board of Directors.
- ✓ Repeatedly urged all parties involved to do whatever is necessary to restore 911 receiving emergency room services as soon as possible.

Long Beach is a City of approximately 35,000 people, situated on a barrier island with limited access on and off of the island via bridges. The City recognizes the immediate need for a functioning hospital and emergency room, and will continue to advocate until we have what we need.

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