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LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL

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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:

As you are aware, the Long Beach Medical Center has been closed since Superstorm Sandy struck Long Beach and the entire barrier island on October 29, 2012. We have sent numerous letters to you since then, most recently requesting that you expedite the transition of LBMC to a fully functioning 24 hour 911 Receiving Emergency Department incorporating an Urgent Care Center under the auspices of South Nassau Communities Hospital.

In 2006, the New York State Department of Health prepared a Report of the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the Twenty-First Century. Pursuant to your website, this Report was “created to ensure that the regional and local supply of hospital and nursing home facilities is best configured to appropriately respond to community needs for high-quality, affordable and accessible care, with meaningful efficiencies in delivery and financing that promote infrastructure stability.”

We are now requesting that an up-to-date study, similar to the one prepared in 2006, be specifically performed for the City of Long Beach and the entire barrier island community to address our need for hospital services.

The mandate of the Commission was “to consider and be sensitive to local needs.” We are asking that a like study be performed to consider our current situation and our local needs, as we have been without a functioning hospital for sixteen months.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your anticipated consideration.

Very Truly Yours,
City of Long Beach City Council



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