

# ATTACHMENT

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The Honorable Nora Vargas, Chair  
San Diego County Supervisor, District 1

The Honorable Jim Desmond  
San Diego County Supervisor, District 5

[sent electronically [PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov)]

**SUBJECT: Item #24-274, A Regional Campus for Healing – Scripps Health SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Vargas and Supervisor Desmond:

I am writing on behalf of Scripps Health (Scripps) in support of *A Regional Campus for Healing*. Scripps supports this important proposal as it seeks to lean in and find creative solutions to better serve the community. As the board letter clearly articulates, our region is at a critical impasse where state laws have dramatically changed the way hospitals, health care providers, payors, first responders, county operations and community-based programs serve individuals in our community who are suffering from homelessness, behavioral health and substance abuse issues.

We appreciate the Supervisors acknowledgement of the needs people have for services outside of the emergency room and acute care they receive in hospitals. Green Oak Ranch can play a meaningful role in providing assistance for members of our community along their healing journey when they no longer need intensive care, or to prevent it in the first place.

**About Scripps Health**

Scripps was founded in 1924 by philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps. We treat more than 600,000 patients annually through the dedication of 3,000 affiliated physicians and more than 15,000 employees among our five acute-care hospital campuses, 30 outpatient centers and clinics, eight free standing imaging centers, and hundreds of affiliated physician offices throughout the region. In addition to serving as one of San Diego's safety-net providers, Scripps is a leader in disease and injury prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and we are at the forefront of clinical research. Scripps is also home to three highly respected graduate medical education programs and has been ranked five times as one of the nation's best health care systems by IBM Watson Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Ter-Vrugt".

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