

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Honorable Rob Bonta  
Attorney General of California  
California Department of Justice  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Inclusion of Tolling Agreement and County Contractual Claims in Any Settlement with AHMC**

Dear Attorney General Bonta:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, we write to reiterate our deep appreciation for your decisive enforcement action against AHMC Healthcare, Inc. for its violations of the 2020 Attorney General–approved conditions governing the acquisition of Seton Coastsides. Your lawsuit has been critically important in defending the health and safety of Coastsides residents and ensuring accountability for the abrupt closure of the community’s only emergency department.

As you are aware, AHMC’s decision in April 2024 to close the Seton Coastsides emergency department, despite explicit obligations to maintain emergency services through December 2025, constituted a serious breach not only of state-imposed conditions but also of contractual commitments AHMC made directly to San Mateo County. Under the County’s 2021 agreement, which provided AHMC with \$10 million in County funding for seismic upgrades, AHMC agreed to operate Seton Medical Center as a full-service general acute care hospital, including emergency services, until 2027. AHMC’s actions have undermined these obligations and harmed the public’s access to timely emergency care across a 55-mile stretch of the Pacific Coastline. Today, the emergency room remains closed.

Given these overlapping violations, the County respectfully requests that any settlement your office may negotiate with AHMC explicitly toll the period during which the Seton Coastsides emergency department was closed extending any otherwise time-barred remedies under the contracts.

A tolling agreement is essential to ensure that AHMC’s wrongful closure of the Coastsides facility does not limit or extinguish the County’s ability to pursue its own remedies, including claims arising from AHMC’s breach of the 2021 County agreement. Absent tolling, AHMC could benefit from delays of its own making, potentially impairing the County’s ability to seek restitution, repayment, or enforcement of contractual obligations intended to protect residents’ access to emergency medical care.

Accordingly, we request that any settlement include:

- A comprehensive tolling agreement covering all County-related contractual claims for the entire duration of the emergency department’s closure and any subsequent period of noncompliance;
- Formal acknowledgment of AHMC’s breach of contractual obligations owed to San Mateo County;



- Clear remedies and compliance mechanisms requiring AHMC to meet all operational commitments under both state-imposed conditions and County agreements; and
- Provisions ensuring that the County retains full legal rights to pursue restitution or enforce contract terms should AHMC fail to comply.

Your leadership has made clear that the State of California will not allow healthcare operators to disregard legally binding commitments or jeopardize the wellbeing of coastal communities. Including a tolling agreement in any settlement will further safeguard the County's legal rights and reinforce the accountability necessary to restore emergency medical services on the Coastside.

We remain deeply grateful for your partnership and stand ready to support your office in any way necessary as this matter proceeds.

Sincerely,

