



**VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM**  
**SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE**  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

**Polling Place Location on Back Cover**  
Polls Open December 15, 2009  
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

IT'S QUICK – IT'S EASY  
IT'S CONVENIENT  
GET OUT OF LINE ON ELECTION DAY!  
**VOTE-BY-MAIL**  
November 16 thru December 8  
Application on Back

**REMINDER**

If You Have Not Mailed Your Voted Ballot Before Election Day It May Be Dropped Off At Any Polling Place In The County Or At The Registrar Of Voters Office By 8 P.M. On Election Day To Count.

**POSTMARK NOT ACCEPTED**

**AVISO IMPORTANTE**

Una traducción en Español de esta Balota Ejemplar y Folleto de Información al Votante puede obtenerse en la oficina del Registro de Votantes  
Llame al (951) 486-7200 o 1(800) 773-VOTE (8683) o visite nuestra sitio [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)

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***Did You Know...***

- Any voter can vote-by-mail
- You can opt to vote-by-mail once or chose to receive all future ballots by mail
- Vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to voters up to 29 days before Election Day
- A vote-by-mail voter can check online to see if the Registrar has received their ballot
- Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail or at any polling place in the County
- The back of this pamphlet includes a vote-by-mail application



**IMPORTANT NOTICES TO VOTERS**



***PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS***

The Registrar of Voters office is **CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY.**  
New hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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***EARLY VOTING***

Early voting will be available at the Registrar of Voters office, November 16 – December 14, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Election Day, December 15, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.





Dear Valley Health System Voter:

On December 15, 2009, Valley Health System is conducting a special election, as required by law, on whether to sell substantially all of its assets to Physicians for Healthy Hospitals, Inc. Information in this Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet will assist you in making an informed choice when marking your ballot. If you are not already registered to vote, please note that the last date to register for this Election is **November 30, 2009**.

There are many options to cast your ballot in this election.

- **Polling Place** Your polling place is listed on the back of this pamphlet. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, December 15.
- **Registrar of Voters Office** You may receive and cast your ballot at the Registrar of Voters Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside, November 16, 2009 through the close of polls on Election Day. Early Voting will not be offered at the malls for this Election.
- **Vote-by-Mail** Request a vote-by-mail ballot and return it by mail at your convenience to reach the Registrar of Voters Office no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Postmarks are not accepted. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be turned in at any Valley Health System polling place on Election Day.

Completed ballots may be dropped off inside the Registrar of Voters Office daily during business hours or 24 hours a day in the drop box outside the main entrance. Voted ballots may also be deposited in a vote-by-mail drop off box at any Valley Health System polling place on Election Day. Ballots received after 8 p.m. on Election Day cannot be counted.

The ballot box is where we exercise our most cherished heritage and our proudest legacy – **the right to vote**. We look forward to your participation in this important Election.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. CHERRY, M.D.,  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Valley Health System

Board of Directors

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Hemet Valley Medical Center • Menifee Valley Medical Center • Hemet Valley Recovery Center & Sage Retreat

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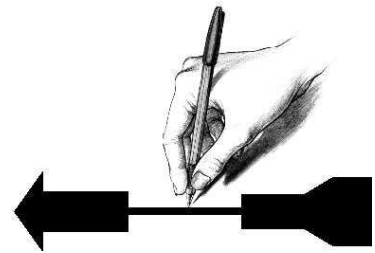
# IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Please refer to the following instructions on how to properly complete your official ballot.

## HOW TO MARK YOUR PAPER BALLOT

- ✓ Connect the head and tail of the arrow that points to your choice, like the example provided, also check both front and back of ballot for voting contests
- ✓ Use a black ball point pen. Do not use felt tip, red or gel ink
- ✓ One line connecting the arrow is preferred
- ✓ Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it

## TO MARK YOUR VOTE DRAW A LINE



**VOTE!!!**

For a demonstration on marking your ballot  
please visit our website at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You can register to vote by:  
Requesting a registration card to be mailed to you  
OR

By filling out a registration card online, just print, sign and mail it to our office.  
You can also check to see if you are registered by calling our office at  
1-800-773-VOTE(8683)

OR  
Visit our web site at [www.voteinfo.net](http://www.voteinfo.net)

**SAMPLE BALLOT / BALOTA EJEMPLAR**  
**VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM SPECIAL MEASURE ELECTION**  
**ELECCIÓN DE MEDIDA ESPECIAL DEL VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM**  
**December 15, 2009 / 15 de diciembre de 2009**

*Mark your choices on your sample ballot, then refer to it when you vote*  
*Marque sus opciones en su balota ejemplar y folleto de información, luego, refiérase a el cuando esté votando*

<b>MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS</b> <b>MEDIDA SOMETIDA A LOS VOTANTES</b>	
<b>DISTRICT / DISTRITO</b>	
<b>VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM</b>	
<b>P</b>	<p>To retain access to acute care services at Hemet Valley and Menifee Valley Hospitals, including emergency, medical, surgical and cardiac services, and maintain local hospitals, should Valley Health System approve the sale of the Hospitals and related assets for fair market value as determined by an independent appraiser, with no cost liability to taxpayers, to Physicians For Healthy Hospitals, Inc., a coalition of local physicians with an association agreement with Catholic Healthcare West St. Bernardine Medical Center?</p> <p>Para retener el acceso a los servicios de atención aguda en los hospitales Hemet Valley y Menifee Valley, incluyendo servicios de emergencia, médicos, quirúrgicos y cardíacos, y mantener los hospitales locales, ¿deberá el Valley Health System aprobar la venta de los hospitales y activos relacionados por su valor justo de mercado tal como lo determine un tasador independiente, sin responsabilidad financiera para los contribuyentes, a la Physicians For Healthy Hospitals, Inc., una coalición de médicos locales con un contrato de asociación con el Centro Médico St. Bernardine de Catholic Healthcare West?</p>
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# **VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION**

**The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include any/all of the following items:**

- **ANALYSES**
- **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT & IN OPPOSITION**

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the ballot measures are opinions of the authors and are not endorsed by the County of Riverside. Internet web site addresses included in arguments are provided by the authors. The County of Riverside assumes no liability for the accuracy or content of web sites listed therein.

The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

## **POLLING PLACE REMINDER NO ELECTIONEERING!**



All electioneering, voter solicitation, etc. is prohibited within 100 feet in any direction of the room where voters are casting ballots.

Avoid wearing or displaying campaign buttons, hats, t-shirts, and other political items.

CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE §§18370, 18371

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "P"

The Board of Directors ("Board") of Valley Health System ("District"), a California Local Healthcare District as provided by *Health & Safety Code* Section 32000 *et. seq.*, has, by adopting Resolution No.2009-09 ("Resolution"), elected to call a special election of the voters of the District pursuant to Section 32121(p) of the *Health & Safety Code* to request authorization to sell substantially all of the assets of the District to Physicians for Healthy Hospitals, Inc. ("PHH") pursuant to an Asset Sale Agreement ("Agreement"). PHH has an Association Agreement with Catholic Healthcare West's St. Bernardine Medical Center for the development and delivery of healthcare services.

The District currently owns and operates Hemet Valley Medical Center, Menifee Valley Medical Center, Hemet Valley Healthcare Center and a medical offices building.

As provided in the Resolution, the Board has determined:

1. The District is in Chapter 9 reorganization.
2. Due to many factors the District continues to sustain significant operating losses.
3. The District will be unable to continue its mission.
4. It is in the best interest of the District to sell its assets.

In accordance with Section 32121(p) of the *Health & Safety Code* the District obtained an independent appraisal and valuation of the assets to be sold. The independent appraisal and valuation found that the transaction consideration of \$169.773 million (including approximately \$55 million of disputed claims) by and between PHH and VHS is equal to or greater than the fair market value of the VHS Assets to be transferred in the transaction, and that such amount constitutes fair and reasonable consideration to be received by VHS for the transferred assets as provided in *Health & Safety Code* Section 32121(p).

The Board of the District has called this election for the purpose of submitting this Measure to the voters of the District. For this Measure to be approved, a majority of the voters voting on the Measure must vote yes.

A "Yes" vote on Measure "P" is a vote to allow the District to sell substantially all of its assets to PHH in accordance with the Agreement.

A "No" vote on Measure "P" is a vote against the District selling substantially all of its assets in accordance with the Agreement.

By: County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "P". If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the district elections official's office at (951) 486-7200 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "P"

### Our local hospitals are bankrupt

Valley Health System, the district that operates Hemet and Menifee Valley Medical Centers, is bankrupt, with tens of millions in debt, and millions more in growing losses. Wall Street creditors are threatening to foreclose on the hospitals to satisfy their debts.

### Yes on "P" to keep our hospitals open

Physicians for Healthy Hospitals, which consists of over 130 local physicians, is dedicated to preserving emergency and acute care services while enhancing specialized care options for all residents, including those covered by private insurance, Medicare and MediCal.

Access is important, especially in an emergency, when every second counts. Our district has less than half the state average for hospital beds. If our hospitals close, seniors could face an additional 30-mile trip to receive acute care or emergency services.

### Yes on "P" to protect taxpayers

Measure "P" approves purchase of the assets of Hemet and Menifee Valley Medical Centers by Physicians for Healthy Hospitals for a price in excess of the fair market value as determined by an independent appraisal – AT NO COST OR LIABILITY TO TAXPAYERS.

Keeping our hospitals open will save more than 1,400 hospital jobs, 1,500 other local jobs and provide over \$834 million in local economic impact.

### Yes on "P" to improve health care options

The agreement with Physicians for Healthy Hospitals also provides for expanded and enhanced specialty services through an association agreement with Catholic Healthcare West St. Bernardine Medical Center that will offer state-of-the-art cardiology services and other leading-edge clinical programs to our residents.

### We all agree - Yes on "P"

Please join local physicians, nurses, police officers, firefighters and community leaders in voting YES on Measure "P" to preserve and enhance healthcare services in our communities.

[www.pfhh.org](http://www.pfhh.org)

By:

Alex Denes, MD  
Former Chief of Staff,  
Hemet Valley Medical Center

Patrick Searl  
Former Board Chairman,  
Valley Health System

Darcy Kuenzi  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Menifee

Larry Minor  
Businessman and Board Member,  
Valley-Wide Recreation and  
Park District

Matt Shobert  
City of Hemet Fire Chief

**NO REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "P" FILED**

### ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “P”

Measure “P” is nothing more than a sale of district assets to Physicians for Healthy Hospitals (PHH). The agreement to sell HVMC and MVMC to PHH was the result of an exclusive bidding process between PHH and Valley Health Systems’ (VHS) Board of Directors. VHS refused to entertain offers from other prospective and well-qualified buyers, and then allowed PHH to pay for the assets with bankruptcy claims that have yet to be challenged.

The agreement does not ensure long term access to acute care services at HVMC and MVMC, but instead only requires that PHH maintain certain services for five (5) years and allows PHH to shut down services if they determine that such services are not economically viable. A “Yes” vote on Measure “P” may cause the community to lose access to care.

If Measure “P” is approved, PHH, Inc. will have a share of the healthcare delivery system in the San Jacinto Valley and the residents of the District will suffer in the form of increased costs.

Keep competition alive and vote “No” on Measure “P”.

By: Prime Healthcare Services, Inc.

### REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “P”

**Please don’t be fooled by the false and deceptive argument against Measure “P”.**

Dr. Prem Reddy, the owner of Prime Healthcare Services, is a notorious for-profit hospital operator who buys hospitals and cuts services. Dr. Reddy’s private agenda is to steer this community-based transaction to his own personal benefit.

#### Here are the facts:

- Although other companies expressed interest or submitted offers, Physicians for Healthy Hospitals was the only organization that offered the full fair market value for these assets as determined by an independent appraisal, and agreed to take on the hospital district’s tens of millions of dollars in outstanding debts, ensuring there will be no cost or liability for local taxpayers.
- Physicians for Healthy Hospitals is a group of 130 local doctors who are putting up their own money to keep our hospitals and emergency rooms open and to enhance medical care for local residents.
- In addition to ensuring continued access to emergency rooms and acute care services for all residents, including those insured through PPOs, HMOs, Medicare and MediCal, Physicians for Healthy Hospitals has also reached an association agreement with Catholic Healthcare West St. Bernardine Medical Center to offer expanded services and access to many of the finest medical centers in the region.
- There’s a reason why local physicians, nurses, paramedics, community and business leaders all support YES on Measure “P” to preserve access to quality medical care. Vote YES on “P”.

**[www.pfhh.org](http://www.pfhh.org)**

By:

Alex Denes, MD  
Former Chief of Staff,  
Hemet Valley Medical Center

Patrick Searl  
Former Board Chairman,  
Valley Health System

Darcy Kuenzi  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Menifee

Larry Minor  
Businessman and Board Member,  
Valley-Wide Recreation and  
Park District

Matt Shobert  
City of Hemet Fire Chief





# Important Dates!

NOVEMBER 16TH  
FIRST DAY YOU CAN VOTE

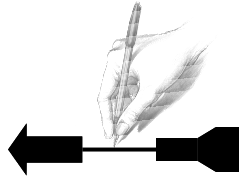
NOVEMBER 30TH  
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 8TH  
LAST DAY TO REQUEST A  
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



DECEMBER 15TH ELECTION DAY  
VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE  
DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT AT ANY POLLING PLACE  
VOTE AT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M.

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE  
DRAW A LINE**

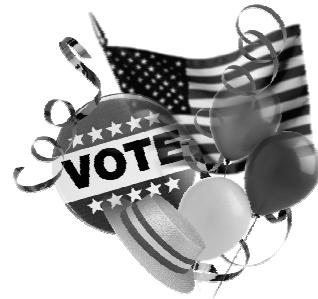


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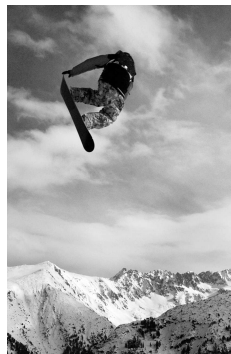
## **VOTE-BY-MAIL November 16 thru December 8**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL.....**



**.....AT HOME, SCHOOL**

**OR ON VACATION.....**



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SAME OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT, JUST AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.**

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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE  
RIVERSIDE CA 92507-0923**



## **NOTICE TO THE VOTER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

A “YES” or “NO” printed under the disabled symbol/arrow on the back cover of this pamphlet indicates whether or not your assigned polling place is accessible to physically disabled voters. Please be advised of the following alternate ways you may cast your ballot.

- By mail. You may request a vote-by-mail ballot. Simply complete the application on the back cover of this pamphlet. The application must be mailed to reach the Registrar of Voters Office by the deadline given.
- Early Voting. You may vote at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, November 16 - December 14, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Election Day, December 15, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Curbside Voting on Election Day. If you are unable to enter the polling place due to a physical disability, you may request Curbside Voting at your assigned polling place. Upon arrival at the polling place, you will be allowed to vote in a location as near as possible to the entrance that is accessible to the physically disabled. If you require Curbside Voting, please call 1-877-663-9906 before going to your assigned polling place and/or when you arrive at the facility. An Election Officer will be contacted prior to your arrival to meet you at the curb.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
2724 GATEWAY DRIVE  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0918



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Riverside

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION**

**SOLICITUD PARA UNA BALOTA PARA VOTAR-POR-CORREO**

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8, 2009 ★ APLICACIÓN TIENE QUE SER RECIBIDA NO MAS TARDE DEL 8 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2009

I hereby request a ballot for the Valley Health System Special Measure Election, December 15, 2009. ★

Por la presente solicito una balota para la Elección de Medida Especial del Valley Health System, 15 de diciembre de 2009.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME AS REGISTERED Imprima el nombre como está registrado

RESIDENCE ADDRESS AS REGISTERED/Imprima la dirección de su residencia como registrado

CITY Ciudad STATE Estado ZIP Zona Postal

**MAIL BALLOT TO:**

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) Dirección postal (si es diferente)

CITY Ciudad STATE Estado ZIP Zona Postal

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
Declaro bajo pena del perjurio que la información proporcionada es verdad y correcta al mejor de mi conocimiento.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**  
**FIRMA REQUERIDA**



SIGNATURE OF VOTER Firma del votante

DATE Fecha

↓ POSTMASTER DELIVER TO ↓

☐ Check this box to request PERMANENT VOTE-BY-MAIL status.  
Marque esta caja para solicitar y ser un votante permanente de votar-por-correo.

✓ **You May Cast Your Vote Early**

At

**THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE**  
**2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA**

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**Election Day December 15**  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

Accessible Voting Unit available at all polling locations.

**TO MARK YOUR VOTE**  
**DRAW A LINE**



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**BALLOT**  
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**VOTE-BY-MAIL**

**LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE**

↓ UBICACION DE SU URNA DE VOTACION ↓



ACCESS?

¿ACCESO?

