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**Re: MMC Operational Transparency and Next Steps in Lease Negotiations**

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Mr. Knox,

I concur with Councilor Bencomo. I would also recommend coordinating any efforts with our management teams and our legal teams.

Thank you,



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Hi all,

Thank you for your email, Mr. Knox.

Private meetings with individual members of the governing bodies would be inappropriate. Information should be provided to all of us during a public joint work session instead – this way we all have the same information and we can avoid OMA issues.

Best,

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Hi Everyone,

I realized I neglected to include the poll in my earlier email. It is now included below, both as a link and embedded for convenience.

My apologies,

Dennis

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Dear City and County Officials,

As you know, we have been in discussions related to Memorial Medical Center's lease for well over a year. On behalf of Memorial, I can assure you that we would very much like to bring those discussions to a satisfactory resolution for everyone involved and strengthen our partnership moving forward. To that end, we will be sharing certain operational and financial information with the City and County that we hope will provide the level of transparency that was lacking in the past.

This information will be made available through a secure data room, to which each of you will receive an invite next week. Because our organization operates as a private business, the materials we plan to provide include confidential and proprietary information related to our operations. The data room will enable us to provide transparency to allow each of you to evaluate our compliance with our lease obligations while also protecting sensitive business information. This is not intended to limit access or create unnecessary barriers, but rather to ensure that the information is shared responsibly and consistent with standard business practices. All authorized City and County officials will have full access to the materials necessary to confirm compliance with the lease.

Additionally, I would like to invite each of you to a discussion with Lifepoint leaders Bob Barrett, our new division president, and Bill Ziesmer, division chief financial officer, who are both as committed as I am to re-establishing trust and rebuilding our relationship with the City and County. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing our proposal for a lease amendment that we hope will address the concerns we have discussed over the past year or so.

To expedite this meeting and encourage the most participation possible, I am including a poll below to confirm your interest and availability for a virtual meeting. Please reply with your availability by end of day Monday, March 16, and we will choose the time that works for the majority of individuals. We are also happy to schedule a follow-up meeting or calls for those that are unable to attend the chosen meeting.

We appreciate the partnership with the City and County and remain committed to open communication and responsible stewardship of the facility and the services it provides to the community.

Have a great weekend!

Dennis

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