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**Public Workshop to Consider Sutter's Proposed New Hospital
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Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Santa Rosa, CA -- The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hold a public workshop to gather input about Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa's (SMCSR) proposed plan to build a new hospital at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts site.

The public workshop will be held on December 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa. The County has invited SMCSR's Chief Executive Officer, Mike Cohill, to present Sutter's proposed plan at the workshop and seek the community's input.

In addition to holding a public workshop, the County has posted the proposed plan on its website at www.sonoma-county.org/county-sutter-proposal, and welcomes public comment.

SMCSR has indicated that the proposed hospital will fully comply with the Health Care Access Agreement through 2021. According to SMCSR, the proposed facility will provide inpatient services including obstetrics, a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, intensive care, emergency services, medical/surgical services, supporting ancillary services and a full range of women's reproductive health services. SMCSR anticipates building the new hospital as part of a larger medical campus at the Wells Fargo site.

The County will analyze the proposed plan to ensure that the new hospital will continue to provide all of the services required by the Health Care Access Agreement. The Health Care Access Agreement requires SMCSR to provide a full range of health services to residents of Sonoma County, including the uninsured and underinsured, through 2021. The County is working diligently to ensure that any proposal will serve the ongoing health needs of the community and that SMCSR maintains their commitment.

Once County staff has conducted its analysis and gathered input, they will make a recommendation to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in a public hearing in spring 2009. At that hearing, the Board of Supervisors will again consider public comment before deciding whether to approve Sutter's proposed plan.

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