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Sutter Submits Proposed Plan for New Hospital

This morning Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa (SMCSR) submitted a proposed plan to the County of Sonoma to build a new 70-bed hospital at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts site. SMCSR has indicated that the new hospital will fully comply with the Health Care Access Agreement, and provide a wide range of health services to our residents through 2021. The new hospital 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. This medical campus will include not only a 70-bed hospital, but also a medical office building and a Physicians Medical Center. The Physicians Medical Center is expected to be owned jointly with local physicians, Sutter Medical Foundation North Bay and Sutter Health.

The County will provide multiple opportunities for the public to comment on the proposed plan. The County will post SMCSR's proposed plan on the County's website at www.sonoma-county.org/county-sutter-proposal, and welcomes community input. The County also will hold a public meeting and invite SMCSR to present its proposed plan to give the public an opportunity to comment. The date and time of the public meeting will be announced shortly. The County also will meet with various stakeholders to gather input.

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. Once 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.

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