



Dear Neighbor:

On Friday we submitted to City Hall petitions signed by nearly 2,000 Patterson voters asking for expanded healthcare here in Patterson.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of Patterson voters and the dedicated work of dozens of volunteers in just one week we were able to collect about twice as many signatures as we needed to qualify the City of Patterson Healthcare Expansion Act.

We want to personally thank those who took the time to read the petition and sign it. Thanks to your support we are now closer than ever to having an expanded Health Center here in Patterson that will:

- ✓ **Meet the growing healthcare needs of Patterson**
- ✓ **Attract more top quality doctors and specialists**
- ✓ **Increase access to quality healthcare for the people of Patterson**

It is important to remember that this initiative only makes the minor zoning changes that are needed for the Del Puerto Health Center to move to an expanded facility at the Keystone Pacific Business Park. It will not increase taxes and it will bring hundreds of new jobs to Patterson.

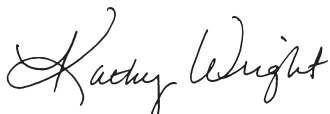
Now that the signatures have been collected from local voters the initiative will go to the City Council and they will have two options.

1. The City Council can vote to adopt the initiative so that it becomes law immediately and our Health Center can begin the process of moving to the expanded facility.
2. The City Council can place the issue on a special election ballot next year for Patterson voters to decide.

If the City Council chooses to call a special election it will delay the Health Center from moving to the new facility by six months or longer. In addition, it will cost the city \$30,000 to \$50,000 to administer the election.

By walking door to door and talking to Patterson residents we have found that the community overwhelmingly supports expanding the Health Center. This issue has been discussed and debated for many months and the time to act is now. We encourage the City Council to adopt this initiative so that we can bring new medical specialists and expanded healthcare services to Patterson without delay.

If you support expanded healthcare in Patterson and agree that the City Council should adopt this initiative, please fill out the enclosed postcard and send it back to us. Your support will help ensure that this issue is resolved once and for all.


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P.S. For more information, please visit our website at www.LocalHealthcareNow.org or call 209-589-5312.