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Analysis of the Sale of Keiro Senior HealthCare Service Facilities

Founded as a nonprofit more than 60 years ago, Keiro facilities in the Los Angeles area include Keiro Retirement Home and Intermediate Care Facility, the Lincoln Heights Nursing Home, and the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home. Keiro Senior HealthCare Service provides more than 600 Japanese American senior citizens retirement housing, intermediate care, and nursing home services.

On Sept. 2, 2015, California Attorney General Kamala Harris' office conditionally approved the sale of these facilities to Pacifica Companies after granting a waiver of the public hearing requirement – prompting concerns from many community members. Over the objections of multiple U.S. Congressional members and California State Assembly Members, and the community-organized Ad Hoc Committee to Save Keiro, the sale was allowed to proceed on February 5, 2016.

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Concerns with the sale include lack of transparency and dissatisfaction with the sufficiency of the conditions imposed by the Attorney General, which maintain price levels for only one year and guarantee continued operation for only five years. The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing has an ongoing investigation into discrimination against the residents.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Resolve that the welfare and safety of Keiro residents is in the public interest.
2. Direct the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, in coordination with County Counsel and the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health, to investigate claims of wrongdoing during the course of the transaction.
3. Direct the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health to provide information on skilled nursing facilities located within a 5-mile radius of Keiro Senior Healthcare facilities, the ability of these facilities to address the multiple language needs of residents, and the current evidence base and best practices related to social and community needs of seniors, and report back to the Board in 60 days with this analysis.

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4. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a five signature letter to the Attorney General urging her to help protect Los Angeles County residents by dedicating sufficient resources to monitor and enforce continued compliance with the conditions of sale; and to ensure appropriate community oversight of the facilities.

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