

**Opposition to Proposed Cuts in Health Care Funding  
in FY 2007 Federal Budget**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**DATE:** April 10, 2006  
**FROM:** Michael H. Covert, CEO  
**BY:** Christine Meaney, Board Assistant

**BACKGROUND:** Attached for Board approval is a resolution in strong opposition to proposed cuts in Health Care Funding in the FY 2007 Federal Budget, that arose as a result of the Governance Committee's request at its February 14, 2006 meeting.

The Board is requested to approve this resolution, subject of which is already indicated on the April 10 Board Agenda under CEO's verbal report item VII. B.3.d. A resolution has however been provided to more strongly emphasize this opposition.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**Motion:**

**Individual Action:** X

**Information:**

**Required Time:**

**PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-10-06 (03) - 08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE PALOMAR  
POMERADO HEALTH DISTRICT IN  
OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CUTS IN  
HEALTH CARE FUNDING IN THE FISCAL  
YEAR 2007 FEDERAL BUDGET .**

**Whereas**, the Palomar Pomerado Health Care District ("District") is the largest hospital district in California whose Mission is to heal, comfort, and promote health in the communities they serve; and

**Whereas**, the District operates a full spectrum of health services including emergency department and trauma center services; and

**Whereas**, District residents and patients rely on federal health programs like Medicare to access health care services; and

**Whereas**, Hospitals in California and around the Country have been harmed by cuts in Medicare and other vital health care programs over the years, including reductions in reimbursements to hospitals; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress is considering the Fiscal Year 2007 budget, which includes alarming cuts in Medicare spending and funding for other health care programs that District residents rely on for care; and

**Whereas**, the California Hospital Association has evaluated the cuts in the FY2007 budget proposal and believe that they would result in a nationwide reduction to hospital and health systems of \$10 billion in Medicare expenditures over a 3-year period; and

**Whereas**, the California Hospital Association has determined that the proposed budget cuts would disproportionately hurt California hospitals and health systems; and

**Whereas**, the Board of the District feel that the proposed cuts in health care funding are inappropriate at a time when the health care systems face unprecedented pressures from increasing numbers of uninsured patients, reductions in reimbursement rates, preparations for possible pandemic disease outbreaks, complying with extensive California seismic standards, and working to invest in new technology to provide the highest levels of care to patients;

**Whereas**, no member of the Board of Directors knows or has reason to know that he or she has a financial interest from the passage of this resolution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. Resolution Opposing Health Care Cuts in the Federal FY2007 Budget.**

The Board does hereby request that members of the San Diego Congressional delegation and all members of Congress oppose these drastic cuts in much needed health care services contained in the FY2007 budget.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Palomar Pomerado Health held on April 10, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

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Marcelo R. Rivera, M.D.  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Palomar Pomerado Health

ATTESTED:

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Linda C. Greer, R.N.  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Palomar Pomerado Health

**Support for the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006**

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**DATE:** April 10, 2006  
**FROM:** Michael H. Covert, CEO  
**BY:** Christine Meaney, Board Assistant

**BACKGROUND:** Attached for Board approval is a resolution in support of the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006 that arose out of the Governance Committee at its February 14, 2006 meeting.

The Board is requested to approve this resolution, subject of which is already indicated on the April 10 Board Agenda under CEO's verbal report item VII. B.3.e. A resolution has however been provided to more strongly emphasize this support.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

**Motion:**

**Individual Action:** X

**Information:**

**Required Time:**

**PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-10-06 (04) - 09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE  
PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH DISTRICT  
IN SUPPORT OF THE TOBACCO TAX ACT  
OF 2006.**

**Whereas**, the Palomar Pomerado Health Care District (“District”) is the largest hospital district in California whose Mission is to heal, comfort, and promote health in the communities they serve; and

**Whereas**, the District operates a full spectrum of health services including emergency department and trauma center services; and

**Whereas**, emergency department and trauma centers are important first-responders in crises and catastrophe and are an integral part of the public health network in California; and

**Whereas**, California is facing a severe shortage of well trained nurses; and

**Whereas**, health problems linked to tobacco usage cost the State of California \$8.6 billion annually in health care costs; and

**Whereas**, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006 has qualified as an initiative for the November 2006 ballot; and

**Whereas**, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006 (“Act”) would raise an estimated \$2.1 billion to support funding to keep hospital emergency rooms open, provide health coverage for uninsured children, expand nursing education and fund programs to reduce tobacco addiction; and

**Whereas**, the funding provided to the District by the Act would enhance overall District health care services, provide additional funding for emergency room care, fund programs to reduce tobacco dependency among District residents and support the effort to train more nurses to address the on-going local nursing shortage; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors of the District wish to support passage of the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006, and encourages residents of the District and the State of California to support said initiative; and

**Whereas**, no member of the Board of Directors knows or has reason to know that he or she has a financial interest in the passage of the initiative;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

**Section 1. Resolution of Support for Tobacco Tax Act of 2006.** The Board does hereby declare that the District supports passage of the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Palomar Pomerado Health held on April 10, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES;

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

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Marcelo R. Rivera, M.D.  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Palomar Pomerado Health

ATTESTED:

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Linda C. Greer, R.N.  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Palomar Pomerado Health