***Fundraising Letter/Email*** [Revised Draft • 05/27/21]

Subject: Citizens Initiative to Save the Hospital

Greetings:

*Your community needs your help.*

John C. Fremont Hospital is facing closure in 2030 for failure to meet California’s strict seismic safety standards. When Measure N fell short of the two-thirds majority needed in the November 2020 General Election, the campaign committee reorganized to launch a Citizens Initiative to save the hospital.

The new “Citizens to Save the Hospital” committee has filed the Notice of Intention to Circulate Petitions paperwork with the County, and will begin gathering signatures soon to pursue adopting a sales tax to fund building a new hospital with an approach that addresses three concerns voters had with Measure N:

* adding a “sunset” to terminate the sales tax after 40 years
* revising the Expenditure Plan to more clearly describe how the funds can be spent
* adding an Accountability and Transparency section to require more rigorous accounting

If successful, this Citizens Initiative will provide these benefits to the residents of Mariposa County for generations to come:

* Prevent our hospital and its emergency room from losing its license to operate in 2030 for failure to comply with California’s seismic safety standards
* Ensure that our hospital and its emergency room can stay open and remain fully operational during any natural disaster, including a major earthquake, to provide essential medical care 24/7
* Enable the expansion and/or enhancement of emergency and other medical care to treat more patients more quickly and more effectively
* Replace outdated diagnostic and patient support equipment with modern, state-of-the-art technology
* Expand and enhance the services being offered in both the Mariposa and Northside clinics
* Make it easier for the Healthcare District to attract and retain the highly qualified medical professionals, including specialists, needed to better serve our community

You can help ensure the success of this Citizens Initiative to save the hospital by making a donation to help cover the costs of educating the community, gathering signatures and conducting a winning campaign. Any amount you can afford to donate will help. Please make your donation on the committee’s website at [www.SaveTheHospital.org](http://www.SaveTheHospital.org), where you can also get much more information, or mail a check to:

Citizens to Save the Hospital

PO Box 5008-142

Mariposa, CA 95338

Donations are not tax-deductible, and state law requires us to report the donor’s occupation and employer, so please provide that information.

*Thank you for helping to save the community’s John C. Fremont Hospital!*

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