



MEDIA STATEMENT

Development Application for San Clemente Senior Housing and Health Care Community

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Following extensive evaluation of community needs, and with awareness of population trends and California’s critical – and growing – housing shortage, MemorialCare has submitted to the City of San Clemente plans that would allow for the development of a thriving senior residential and health care community on the site of the former San Clemente Hospital.

The residential portion of the 6.3-acre community project will be developed exclusively for senior residents (age 55 and over). A number of units will also be reserved for seniors at affordable rents. The new community will help the City of San Clemente meet a critical need for affordable senior housing, allowing more seniors to call San Clemente “home” and stay close to nearby family members and friends.

The plans also include the proposed development of a 7,500 square foot Health Center, which will integrate Urgent Care and Primary and Specialty Physician Care Services specific to the needs of the adjacent residences and the San Clemente community generally. The Health Center will be conveniently located and will enhance access for all community members to high quality care.

Mark Schafer, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of MemorialCare Medical Foundation, offered the following statements on behalf of MemorialCare:

“We are acutely aware that California has a critical housing shortage, and so often seniors in our communities have few affordable options. The community of San Clemente is no exception. It is also important to note that the lack of reasonably-priced residences for seniors is not just an economic issue. Thoughtful, well-planned senior communities can foster healthy lifestyles and maintain family support systems, both of which help to create a solid foundation for wellness and longevity.”

“MemorialCare has submitted to the City of San Clemente plans for a seniors-only residential community that includes a modern Health Center. The Health Center will be staffed with physicians and offer Urgent Care and other primary and specialty care services to meet the needs of these residents and the community more generally. This innovative approach will present an attractive option for seniors in San Clemente and could serve as a model for similar communities to further integrate high quality and easily accessible health and wellness services. We look forward to engaging with the City Council and Staff to make this project a reality for the benefit of all San Clemente residents.”

Additional details will be shared with the community as the development plans undergo a review process by the City.

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