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HAZEL HAWKINS CONFIDENTIAL MEDIATION CONCLUDES WITHOUT COMPLETE RESOLUTION

April 19, 2023 – Hollister, Calif. – Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital (HHMH) and the San Benito Health Care District (District) announced today that the confidential mediation process it entered into with stakeholders in February has concluded. However, the results of the mediation process failed to resolve several critical issues affecting HHMH and the District.

“The end of mediation does not mean an end to working with our stakeholders. The District and hospital leadership continue to meet with interested parties,” said Mary Casillas, interim CEO for Hazel Hawkins. “We are hopeful that these meetings will result in stabilizing our finances and provide solutions that will better help us reach our goals of maintaining access to quality healthcare for the residents of San Benito County.”

The District and hospital leadership are also continuing the search for a potential transaction partner. To date, 10 organizations have stepped forward indicating interest in exploring a transaction with the District.

The conclusion of the confidential mediation process also permits the District to expand its ongoing transparency initiatives. The District has launched a new website to provide public access to important financial information and other disclosures for members of the public. You can visit it here, or by going to www.savehazelhawkins.com.

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About Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital is a full-service, public agency hospital delivering modern medicine and compassionate care to the growing San Benito County community. HHMH offers hundreds of health services across multiple locations, including top-tier specialists, a modern Emergency Department, and a state-of-the-art Women’s Center. To learn more about Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital and the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Foundation, please visit www.hazelhawkins.com.