



Town of Apple Valley

Memorandum

To: San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board

From: La Vonda M-Pearson, Director of Government Services

Date: April 26, 2024

Subject: **LETTER OF SUPPORT – PROVIDENCE ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER
TRAUMA DESIGNATION APPLICATION**

Attached, please find a Letter of Support for Providence St. Mary Medical Center's application to become a Trauma Center. We would like to request this letter be provided to the Board of Supervisor's and included in the agenda packet when this item is presented for review.

Thank you.

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April 25, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT - PROVIDENCE ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA
DESIGNATION APPLICATION**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Town of Apple Valley Town Council supports Providence St. Mary Medical Center in their application to become a Level IV Trauma Center. Providence St. Mary has been the primary health care institution in our community for 70 years, meeting and exceeding the medical needs of our residents. This institution has grown to become a leader in medical excellence by continuing to plan and innovate for the future. Becoming a Level IV Trauma Center is just the beginning of what they plan to offer.

In 2017, the San Bernardino County Grand Jury recommended establishing an area trauma center to better serve the over 400,000 residents who call the high desert their home. Currently, the nearest trauma center to the Victor Valley is over 40 miles away, causing a life-or-death risk to those who require immediate medical attention. This also causes undue stress to the families of these individuals who are unable to be near loved ones during a significant time of their illness and/or recovery due to distance. The Town of Apple Valley has always promoted a "Better Way of Life" for its citizens. A Level IV Trauma Center not only meets that goal but exceeds it for the over 75,000 residents in our Town!

Upon becoming Level IV Trauma Center status, Providence St. Mary anticipates receiving 400 trauma patients within the first 12 months. Their strategic plan includes an expanded, state-of-the-art Emergency Department and operating room suites. This new designation will also bring increased employment opportunities for health care professionals within the high desert. This designation would also make Providence St. Mary one of only 37 hospitals in California that are trauma, stroke, and STEMI accredited, something long overdue for the high desert.

As Mayor of this community, I strongly encourage the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to grant this application for a Level IV Trauma Center in its First District. The Town of Apple Valley offers its full support to collaborating with Providence St. Mary Medical Center to ensure the successful completion of this transition.

Sincerely,

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Scott Nassif
Mayor