



November 7, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator  
651 Pine Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Mr. Twa:

I am writing as the chair of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District Board of Directors and as a nine-year member of the Board. As I did not run for re-election this November, I will be termed out of office on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

As I believe you know, I have played a key role in the affairs of the healthcare district during my tenure on the Board and am very interested in a smooth transition in Board governance. In that regard, it is my understanding that the Board of Supervisors will have the opportunity before my term ends to appoint a replacement for my seat, with the opportunity to serve a full four-year term. With that in mind, I am writing to highly recommend for appointment, Dr. Bill Van Dyk.

Dr. Van Dyk is a very active member of the West County community, serving on many boards and commissions. Specifically, he has a history of involvements supporting the health care district, including serving on the Brookside Hospital Foundation (which later became the Doctors Medical Center Foundation) as well as sitting on the advisory board that served during the period that Tenet operated the hospital. In addition, I have served over 13 years with Dr. Van Dyk on the Contra Costa College Foundation, where he has served with distinction and great leadership.

Dr. Van Dyk is uniquely qualified to step into the role required to complete the affairs of the District, now that the hospital has been closed for over a year. Specifically, the completion of the sale of the remaining district assets and participating in the ultimate disposition of the health care district through LAFCO is of extreme importance to assure the cost effective and timely completion of District affairs.

Dr. Van Dyk lives in Richmond and operates a long-time dental practice in San Pablo, directly across the street from the now closed hospital. Bill is a fully capable replacement for my seat on the Board, and has expressed a strong interest in assisting in winding down the affairs of the District in a manner that will serve the best interests of West County residents.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Zell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Zell" clearly distinguishable.

ERIC ZELL, Chair  
West Contra Costa Healthcare District