



MEDIA ADVISORY – DEDICATION OF NEW HIGHLAND CARE PAVILION IN OAKLAND

WHAT: Dedication of New Highland Care Pavilion, completed first phase of \$668 million Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement Project that is the largest construction project ever undertaken by Alameda County

WHEN: 11 a.m. Wednesday April 17 (Media advised to arrive by 10:30 a.m.; reserved parking available upon request)

WHERE: Highland Hospital, Highland Care Pavilion Entrance, near the main hospital entrance at 1411 East 31st Street in Oakland

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OAKLAND – On Wednesday, April 17, Alameda County and the Alameda Health System will dedicate the new Highland Care Pavilion, a state-of-the-art facility that is the completed first phase of the \$668 million Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement project and campus redesign. The project is a rebuild of the historic hospital's main facilities that marks the largest construction project ever undertaken by Alameda County. Completion of the entire project is scheduled for 2017.

The Highland Care Pavilion is a pivotal piece of the ongoing rebuild of the Oakland medical center that is the linchpin of Alameda County's public health system. The Pavilion not only offers state-of-the-art facilities for some of Highland's most important medical services, it promises to take pressure off Highland's emergency care services and serve a vital function in the hospital's new model for care under health care reform.

Participating in the dedication will be several East Bay officials who played key roles in bringing the project to fruition. These officials will be available to the media for interviews. There also will be an abundance of visuals, including tours of the completed facility.

Completion of the Highland Care Pavilion is a very important milestone for the future of Highland Hospital, and for health care in Alameda County. The three-story, nearly 80,000-square-foot building, with 175 parking spaces, new meeting space and a modern cafeteria, will offer an improved patient and employee experience as well as increased accessibility to patients, families, visitors and conference guests to the teaching campus.

In addition, the Highland Care Pavilion will be home to a new Same Day Clinic that will provide an alternative to the Emergency Department for patients with urgent but non-acute conditions, which should shorten wait times for patients requiring emergency care. This, in turn, increases access to care for patients – a primary driver of health care reform.

Ten of Highland's specialty clinics will move to the new building in May – including allergy, cardiology, chest, congestive heart failure, gastroenterology/liver, hematology/oncology, infusion, hepatitis C, and rheumatology.

AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AT THE DEDICATION: Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson, County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda Health System CEO Wright Lassiter III and Alameda Health System Board of Trustees President Kirk E. Miller.

NOTE TO MEDIA: Journalists planning to attend the dedication are advised to arrive at Highland Hospital at 10:30 a.m. Reserved parking, available upon request, will be provided along East 31st Street between Stuart Street and Vallecito Place. Journalists planning to attend are asked to **RSVP** to Guy Ashley, (510) 272-6569 or at guy.ashley@acgov.org