March 4, 2016

James Makshanoff, City Manager
City of San Clemente
100 Avenue Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92672

SUBJECT: Closure of Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – San Clemente

Dear Mr. Makshanoff:

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) has been notified that Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – San Clemente (SMMC-SC) intends to close effective May 31, 2016. The California Health and Safety Code requires the local Emergency Medical Services agency to notify local planning and zoning authorities when hospitals plan to close emergency services. As the City of San Clemente borders a large unincorporated area, we want to ensure that you are aware of the closure.

As directed under California Health and Safety Code Section 1300, our office will conduct a complete impact analysis and report the findings to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). As part of our impact analysis, there will be a public hearing at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 29, 2016 in the Commission Hearing Room of the Hall of Administration (333 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701). Any comments that you have on the impact of closing this service are welcomed and encouraged. We will accept written comments in lieu of oral comments at this meeting. Written comments should be addressed to my attention preferably before Monday, April 25, 2016. The notice of public hearing will be published.

We will advise you of any additional developments. Please contact me at (714) 834-2791 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
EMS Administrator

cc: Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager, San Clemente
    Mark Refowitz, Director, Health Care Agency
    Sam Stratton, Medical Director, OC Emergency Medical Services