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Providence Tarzana Medical Center announces \$624 million investment in medical center *Community leaders join in announcing reimagined medical center*

TARZANA (May 12, 2016) – Providence Tarzana Medical Center, ranked among the nation’s top 100 hospitals the last two years, will invest more than \$624 million in the medical center, improving access to care and adding a new, state-of-the-art patient wing.

Under its proposal submitted this week to the Department of City Planning to begin the process of city review and approval, Providence Tarzana will relocate inpatient beds to a new patient wing. The plan also includes enhancements to Providence Tarzana’s 21-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the existing 33-bed Women’s Pavilion, and calls for expanded diagnostic and treatment areas, a redesigned lobby and visitor reception area, a new and expanded Emergency Room for improved access to care and additional parking. The existing patient wing will be redesigned as ancillary and support space for the hospital.

“We’re creating a whole new experience here at Providence Tarzana for our patients and families to meet their health care needs now and in the future,” said Dale Surowitz, longtime chief executive of Providence Tarzana. “We’ll have the latest technology, the latest safety features and private patient rooms, creating a very patient-friendly atmosphere to ensure easy access and comfort.

“What won’t change is our commitment to the West Valley and surrounding communities to work together to provide quality and compassionate care inside our hospital and out in our neighborhoods.”

The new patient wing will be built to California’s latest earthquake standards with leading-edge technology and the latest in efficiency for delivering care. Providence Tarzana provides care for more than 60,000 patients each year and is renowned for cardiovascular care, women’s services, emergency care, orthopedics and pediatrics. Healthgrades, a leading consumer agency, has ranked Providence Tarzana among its Top 100 Hospitals the past two years and awarded the medical center its Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence Award the last three years.

"I am pleased to see this important investment by Providence Tarzana Medical Center to upgrade the hospital campus and enhance the high quality health care provided in the West San Fernando Valley," said Los Angeles Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, whose district includes the hospital. "This project will have far reaching health, economic and job creation benefits in my district and beyond. I look forward to working collaboratively with the community and Providence Tarzana on this transformative project for the West Valley."

As a not-for-profit Catholic medical center, Providence Tarzana invests a portion of its proceeds into outreach programs for the underserved in the San Fernando Valley.

During construction, the medical center will remain fully operational. Providence Tarzana will work with the community to ensure construction impacts are minimal. The medical center also looks forward to working with the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council on a project-labor agreement to both upgrade and retrofit the existing buildings and to help deliver an on-time and on-budget project. The project will provide more than 1,000 construction jobs throughout the life of the project with good wages and benefits.

“California has the most advanced seismic standards for medical facilities to protect patients and those caring for them during a catastrophic earthquake,” said state Assemblymember Matt Dababneh. “I support Providence Tarzana’s decision to make this investment, improving access to critical health care services and ensuring that San Fernando Valley residents will receive state-of-the-art care for decades to come.”

“We applaud Providence Tarzana’s decision to create a new patient wing that incorporates the latest in quality construction as well as state-of-the-art features for patient comfort and care,” said Ron Miller, executive secretary of the Los Angeles and Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council.

Having initiated the process, following required studies and public review, Providence Tarzana anticipates this project to be completed by the end of 2022, allowing for construction to begin as early as 2017. For more information and updates, visit California.Providence.org/Tarzana.

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