

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SB 1661 - Additional Information Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside**

Riverside Healthcare System, L.P. d/b/a as Riverside Community Hospital and HCA, it's parent company, intended to replace Buildings 01 and 02 in accordance with OSHPD Project IL080316, which is being submitted as a phased project, by the deadline established in SB 1661. However, due to significant economic challenges beyond the control of the hospital and HCA, it is uncertain whether or not seismic upgrade compliance can be accomplished by the mandated deadline.

Our efforts to comply with the seismic upgrade requirements by the mandated deadline are significantly impaired by the following:

1. Regulatory approvals, from both the state and local agencies, of our previously submitted seismic upgrade plans have not been obtained and there is no clear indication of when such approvals will be issued.
2. Estimated seismic upgrade costs threaten the economic viability of the projects.
3. The downturn in the state's economy poses a significant risk to our hospital's financial position. Additionally, potential cutbacks in the state's funding for healthcare programs (e.g. Medi-Cal) will exacerbate such financial exposure.
4. Uncertainty in the credit markets poses potential problems with financing the projects.
5. Impending national healthcare reform presents an industry environment that is both unknown and potentially adverse to the financial position of our hospital.

We will continue to monitor our seismic upgrade plans, but remain gravely concerned about the impediments to compliance and the economic feasibility of achieving compliance by the mandated deadline.

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