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Vote yes on Measure C to keep Doctors Medical Center and its emergency room open. We must save our local ER and hospital from closing.

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If you're in an accident or hurt, you need immediate medical care. If you have a stroke or heart attack, you need to get to a hospital fast. In West County, an ambulance will take you to the ER at Doctors Medical Center (DMC), even if you're a Kaiser member. But what if DMC wasn't there anymore? 40,000 patients visit DMC's ER every year. Where will they go?

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Without DMC's ER, patients will be diverted to other hospitals much farther away. Kaiser's ER only has 15 beds and may have to serve 100 additional patients a day, forcing wait times as long as 10 hours. This is unacceptable and dangerous.

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Seconds count in an emergency and extra travel time could mean the difference between full recovery, long-term disability or even death.

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DMC is the stroke and heart attack center for all West County. It's our only public emergency room, serving all residents. The hospital provides free breast cancer screening for low-income women and free health screenings for seniors.

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If we don't pass this measure, DMC and its emergency room will close. We will lose the emergency services that are essential to any community and that we all need.

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The hospital has cut costs, reduced overhead, and eliminated management positions. Government reimbursements continue to decline, so while the cost of care is going up, the money DMC receives is going down.

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The choice for voters in West County is clear. Vote yes to keep the hospital and its emergency room open. Vote no and our hospital and ER will permanently close, creating a healthcare catastrophe.

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Vote YES on Measure C. Mail in your ballot today.

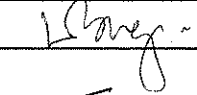
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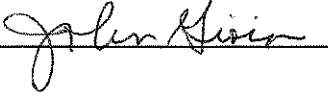
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