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Subject: Including space for expansion of the Mayview Community Health Center in the North

Ventura Coordinated Area Plan

I am writing to share with you the proposal I have developed in collaboration with Ken Graham, CEO of the Mayview Community Health Center, to include in the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan (NVCAP) plans for a major expansion of the clinic site in Palo Alto operated by Mayview. As you may be aware, for many years Mayview has operated a small clinic facility in the Santa Clara County Courthouse located on Grant Avenue in Palo Alto. As described on their website (http://www.mayview.org/), "MayView Community Health Center is a nonprofit primary care clinic devoted to providing high-quality healthcare to low-income families and individuals throughout northern Santa Clara County, regardless of their ability to pay." Certified as a Federally Qualified Health Center Lookalike, Mayview is the only such facility in Palo Alto.

Mayview currently occupies approximately 5,000 square feet of space within the Courthouse. Because of this space limitation, Mayview is not able to have a sufficient number of care providers to meet the needs of the many patients who rely on the clinic for their care. This includes a substantial number of children. There is a major need for Mayview to have a substantially larger facility in order to meet three pressing needs:

- 1) To increase space for physicians and other licensed professionals to provide medical care to patients who rely on the clinic;
- 2) To establish a dental facility to provide dental care for these patients especially their children (Mayview would become the only dental provider in Palo Alto that accepts Medi-Cal insurance);
- 3) To establish behavioral health and social work services for Mayview patients.

In order to meet these pressing needs, the leadership of Mayview is requesting that the NVCAP include space for a new clinic facility that would include approximately 25,000 square feet of office and clinic space. As many of the patients who use Mayview for their care rely on public transportation, it would be optimal for such a facility to be located as close as possible to El Camino Real.

In order to make maximum use of this amount of ground floor space, the Leadership of Mayview has been in contact with the leadership of Palo Alto Housing, and has agreed that the proposed new clinic facility could occupy the ground floor, with Palo Alto Housing constructing 3-4 floors of low-income housing above the clinic. In addition to the much-needed enlarged clinic facility, this would enable the creation of approximately 50 new affordable housing units.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact either Donald Barr (barr@stanford.edu), who is acting on behalf of Mayview, or Ken Graham, CEO of Mayview (kgraham@mayview.org).