

University Hospital Community Advisory Council

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RESOLUTION

Concerning the Status of the Health Alliance and the Impact of the Sale of Jewish Hospital on University Hospital and the UC College of Medicine

WHEREAS the University Hospital Community Advisory Council believes that great cities have great academic medical centers with the joint missions of providing patient care, teaching and research and that Cincinnati deserves no less.

WHEREAS for generations, and especially today, University Hospital is this community's "safety net" provider of patient care for the uninsured and underinsured having provided nearly \$100 million in community benefit in 2009.

WHEREAS the partnership with UC College of Medicine provides living proof that medical students and practicing physicians gain important experience and provide expert training while providing patients with nationally recognized levels of care.

WHEREAS the University Hospital Community Advisory Council expresses its deep concern that, with the speed at which changes are occurring with this community's health care delivery system and especially with the Health Alliance in recent years and months, that the level and quality of care provided by University Hospital is in jeopardy, the community benefit derived from the teaching mission of the UC College of Medicine is being compromised, and the substantial value to our community of the research mission of University Hospital and UC College of Medicine is at risk.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL:

1. Encourages and embraces the public hearings planned by the Cincinnati City Council to closely examine the status of the Health Alliance and the impact of the sale of Jewish Hospital on University Hospital and the UC College of Medicine;
2. Encourages the City of Cincinnati to explore all options to preserve and protect the role of University Hospital and the UC College of Medicine as this community's primary "safety net" care provider; and,
3. Encourages the City of Cincinnati to take all necessary steps to ensure that all institutions which are now members of the Health Alliance, whatever its future, will emerge healthy and able to meet this community's health care needs.

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