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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 30, 2024

LOWER KEYS MEDICAL CENTER - OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 3:00PM

HARVEY GOVERNMENT CENTER - 1200 TRUMAN AVE - KEY WEST - 2ND FLOOR

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT - PUBLIC STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND

In just 4 1/2 years, on April 30, 2029 the existing lease of our Public Hospital, Lower Keys Medical Center to Community Health Systems Inc (CHS), a Public For-Profit Entity (NYSE: CYH) expires **with no provision for automatic extension or renewal.**

As a Public Hospital, Lower Keys Medical Center is governed by The Lower Florida Keys Hospital District, a Florida State governing entity, through its local Board of Commissioners. In latter 2023 the Hospital District Board and the existing Hospital Operator (CHS) **disclosed CHS's intention to renew or negotiate a new lease with the Hospital District Board.**

OHkw and our advisors and supporters have previously, and continue to insist the Hospital District Board Members formally consider through a public process alternative South Florida Hospital Operators ***in order to compare healthcare services and terms*** for our next Public Hospital Operator lease which **would objectively be in the best interest of our community.**

It is OHkw's position that only through an objective comparison between our current Hospital Operator Lessee, CHS, and other interested leading South Florida Hospital Operators, a comparison of healthcare services, reinvestment of facility profits back into our community hospital and healthcare personnel and specialties, as well as operator financial stability, ***can which Hospital Operator would be the Public's Best Interest's be determined.***

OHkw is urging the Public to attend the Hospital District Board Meeting on November 4th, at 3PM to voice their sentiments.

OUR HOSPITAL Key West (OHkw) is a Citizens Advocacy Group comprised of Key West Residents. Our Advisors, Members and Supporters come from all walks of life, including Physicians, Nurses, Hospital Administrators, Past and Present Lower Keys Medical Center Employees, Attorneys, City and County Workers, Business Owners, Hospitality Workers, Retirees, and many other backgrounds. Our mission is to seek the best possible level of healthcare at our Public Hospital through a Hospital Operator which reinvests back into our community as a priority, versus private or institutional shareholders.

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