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VIA: U.S. MAIL & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Gilbert Vallejos, President
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Re: Affordable and Accessible Healthcare in Northeastern New Mexico

As Attorney General, I am tasked with oversight of charitable organizations in New Mexico. It is my duty to monitor, supervise, and enforce the charitable purposes of charitable organizations in New Mexico.

My oversight responsibilities extend to Las Vegas Health Trust, Inc. In your most recent registration statement filed with my office, you stated that the Trust's primary exempt purpose is to address affordable and accessible healthcare needs in the community.

As you are no doubt aware, the closure of obstetrical services at Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico, has left an unacceptable gap in services for women in northeastern New Mexico.

Please provide a description of any efforts, if any, the Trust has made to address this gap in services. If the Trust has not made efforts to address this gap, please provide a comprehensive description of how the Trust is conducting its affairs consistent with its charitable purposes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about this correspondence.

Respectfully,

Hector H. Balderas
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R. Chris Wolf, Chief Executive Officer
Alta Vista Regional Hospital
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RE: Closure of Alta Vista Obstetric Program

Dear Mr. Wolf:

This letter is to follow up on my letter of April 20, 2016, regarding the closure of the Obstetrics Program at Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico. I expressed my concern as Attorney General that the closure created an unacceptable gap in services for women across the northeastern part of the state. Since that time, I have met with leaders, stakeholder, and decision-makers and continued to monitor the situation.

When expectant mothers are forced to travel to other regions simply to receive basic healthcare services, they can face a variety of unique hardships such as additional time away from work, the need to find child care for older children, and extra costs such as fuel and food when they travel. Beyond this, the distance impairs the relationship of confidence and trust that should exist between expectant mothers and their providers.

As of September 1, it has been six months since Alta Vista announced that it would "end temporarily" obstetrical services. I understand that at a hearing of the Legislative Health & Human Services Committee, you indicated that one of your strategic goals for 2016 is to recruit providers in Obstetrics & Gynecology. I fully support your efforts to restore crucial services.

In order that my office can best assist you in your efforts to restore obstetrical services, I respectfully request that Alta Vista address the following questions:

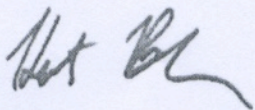
- What efforts has Alta Vista made to recruit providers? What barriers have prevented Alta Vista from recruiting providers?

- Is Alta Vista taking full advantage of available incentive programs? What barriers exist that would prevent Alta Vista from taking advantage of programs such as federal loan and scholarship assistance to recruit providers?
- What efforts has Alta Vista made to fill the services gap with temporary coverage until full services can be restored?

If you are able to provide any additional information or data that would allow my office to assist you in restoring essential services, please do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about this correspondence. I look forward to working with you as we both address this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hector Balderas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hector H. Balderas
Attorney General