

# **PACIFICA HOSPITAL OF THE VALLEY**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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To: Media

From: Pacifica Hospital of the Valley

Re: Stipulated Judgment and Settlement with the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney

Between March 30, 2016, and March 31, 2016, Pacifica Hospital of the Valley (“Pacifica Hospital”), contacted a number of local agencies and governmental authorities in an effort to help locate a patient that had failed to arrive at a designated destination after being discharged from Pacifica Hospital’s behavioral health unit on March 30, 2016. The Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney (the “City Attorney”) was one of the agencies contacted by Pacifica Hospital.

Subsequent to that disclosure, the City Attorney initiated an investigation (the “Matter”). Over the past two months, Pacifica Hospital has fully cooperated with the City Attorney’s investigation of the Matter. Throughout the process, Pacifica Hospital contested the material allegations made by the City Attorney regarding the Matter. Last week, in order to avoid the costs of litigation, Pacifica Hospital and the City Attorney reached a settlement regarding the Matter. That settlement was codified in a Stipulation for Entry of Judgment (the “Stipulation”). The Stipulation, and the related Complaint for Equitable Relief and Civil Penalties (the “Complaint”), will be filed by the City Attorney in the very near future.

The Stipulation resolves the Matter and the Complaint in full. As agreed to by the City Attorney, and as set forth in the Stipulation, the Stipulation did not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Pacifica Hospital regarding the Matter.