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MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUPERVISOR CHAN FACILITATES DONATION OF 6,000 SURGICAL MASKS TO HIGHLAND HOSPITAL

Donation by AREAA GEB to Support Hospital's Frontline Workers and Vulnerable Residents

Oakland, CA – In response to the urgent need for medical supplies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Asian Real Estate Association of America Greater East Bay (AREAA GEB) is donating 6,000 surgical face masks to the Frontline Heroes at Highland Hospital. Today's donation, which was made at the direction of Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, will allow Highland Hospital to continue providing the highest quality medical care to the County's most vulnerable communities.

SURGICAL MASK DONATION PRESENTATION

WHO:

Supervisor Wilma Chan, District 3
Louise Nakada, Alameda Health System Public Affairs Manager
Carl Chan, AREAA GEB Policy Chair
AREAA GEB Members

WHERE:

Highland Hospital Emergency Room Entrance
1141 E. 31st Street (at Stuart St. & E. 31st St.), Oakland, CA 94602

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 22nd - 11:30 AM

"I sincerely appreciate the leadership of Supervisor Wilma Chan in advocating for Highland Hospital, which serves low-income families, seniors, youths, immigrants, the undocumented, ethnic communities and the homeless," said Justin Wong, President of AREAA GEB. "As a non-profit professional organization, one of our core missions is to promote sustainable homeownership. At this unprecedented time, we need to support our Frontline Heroes."

“Highland Hospital is a pillar of our healthcare safety-net because of the unparalleled dedication of its frontline workers. Due to their valiant efforts, many lives will be saved during this public health emergency,” said Supervisor Chan. “I would like to extend a special thanks to Justin Wong and AREAA GEB’s COVID-19 Committee, led by former Presidents Garrick Yan and Laura Tang and Board Members Margaret Lin, Elena Wu Olzmann, and Charlene Ferguson, for helping to protect Highland’s frontline workers.”

To date, AREAA GEB has donated over \$10,000 worth of medical supplies, including the 200 boxes of masks to Kaiser Oakland Medical Center, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Asian Health Services, Highland Hospital, St. Rose Hospital, Washington Hospital Healthcare System, and Kaiser Fremont Hospital. These supplies were purchased thanks to contributions generated through an AREAA GEB GoFundMe campaign that has been shared with their members and others in the community who have been willing to support the fundraising effort.

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About Supervisor Wilma Chan

Alameda County Supervisor Chan represents District 3, which includes the cities of Alameda, San Leandro, parts of Oakland including Chinatown, Jack London, Fruitvale and San Antonio neighborhoods, and the unincorporated communities of San Lorenzo and Hayward Acres. She is currently Chair of the Health Committee and ALL IN Steering Committee, and a member of the County’s Personnel, Administrative, and Legislative Committee, the Budget Workgroup, the Unincorporated Services Committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights. For more on Supervisor Chan’s accomplishments and initiatives, please visit www.acgov.gov/board/district3 or connect on Facebook with “Supervisor Wilma Chan.”