

California State Senate

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JEAN FULLER
SIXTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



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Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, Chair
Senator Richard D. Roth, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 107
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Colleagues:

I respectfully request that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve an audit of Healthcare Conglomerate Associates, Tulare Regional Medical Center and the Tulare Local Health Care District.

In 2005, the Tulare Local Health Care District approved 85 million in General Obligation Bonds. These funds were to build, maintain and operate the Tulare Regional Medical Center. The Medical Center was managed by Healthcare Conglomerate Associates. To date, the Tulare Regional Medical Center has since closed.

This rural area of my district is in desperate need of medical services.

Given these circumstances, I request an audit to address the following:

- Outline the flow of Tulare Local Health Care District's 2005 General Obligation Bond money to Healthcare Conglomerates Associates and how it was spent on Tulare Regional Medical Center.
- Identify what oversight was in place for spending the 2005 General Obligation Bond funds.
- Evaluate the management structures of Healthcare Conglomerate Associates, Tulare Regional Medical Center and Tulare Local Health Care District.
- Ascertain what problems caused the closure of Tulare Regional Medical Center.
- Recommend procedures or plans so that Tulare Regional Medical Center can reopen.

Thank you for your consideration of this audit request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dana Brennan at 916.651.4016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Fuller".

JEAN FULLER
Senator, Sixteenth District