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## Affiliation between Madera Community Hospital and Trinity Health will not move forward

Fresno, CA, December 22, 2022 – Madera Community Hospital, like many other nonprofit hospitals across the country, is facing financial and operational challenges resulting from the pandemic.

With a shared goal to ensure continued availability of essential services to Madera residents, Madera Community Hospital and Trinity Health – on behalf of Saint Agnes – began the process of pursuing a permanent affiliation.

Over the course of several months, a full due diligence review was conducted and both parties reached agreement on the terms of an affiliation. A final step in the process was approval by the California Attorney General (AG).

Trinity Health, Saint Agnes and Madera entered into this process with every intention of reaching a positive outcome. Unfortunately, given the complex circumstances and the additional conditions imposed by the AG – outlined in the final report issued last Thursday – it became clear we could not move forward. Therefore, the difficult decision was made to terminate the agreement so Madera could begin making plans for its next steps.

Although we are deeply disappointed that the affiliation could not be completed, it was not without significant effort from both parties.

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