



August 4, 2011

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY MEETING
HIGHLAND HOSPITAL ACUTE CARE TOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
LANDSCAPE PLAN**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 7:00 pm
at the Highland Hospital Cafeteria, 1411 East 31st Street Oakland**

The County of Alameda cordially invites the public to a Community Meeting to discuss plans for the historic landscape at Highland Hospital. Based on the current design, construction of the new Acute Care Tower planned for the Highland campus will result in the loss of significant portions of existing historic landscape along 14th Avenue, including large redwood and cedar trees from the existing landscape frontage.

At this Community Meeting on August 24, the ATR Project Team will show how ideas generated at a Landscape Design Work Session, held on July 14, 2011, are being addressed in the Project and in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). The Final SEIR will be released at the end of August 2011 and will be available online at [www.HighlandATR.org/News & Events](http://www.HighlandATR.org/News&Events).

Ideas about possible ways to reduce impacts on the historic landscape generated at the July 14th Work Session and other ideas submitted to the County include:

- **Number of Trees to be Removed** – Can the project be redesigned to make the footprint smaller and go up higher? Can the building footprint be changed? Can the County get another opinion to see if all the trees need to be removed? Would removing the wall save the trees? Can re-routing of utilities reduce the number of trees that need to be removed?
- **Proposed Replanting Plan** – Can the height of the trees to be planted be maximized? Along 14th Avenue, can we enhance/"humanize" the aesthetics of the pedestrian experience at the entrance to the service drive? Can we green the area by the service yard (corner of E. 31st Street and 14th Avenue)? Can the project add rooftop gardens on the new Tower Building to add visual appeal? Can the project include a healing garden? Can wall plantings be added to hang over the existing wall? Can the project provide pedestrian access from 14th Avenue? Can lighting be put on the wall on 14th Avenue? Can trees be provided in the median on 14th Avenue?

The County encourages broad participation in this Community Meeting.

Questions about this Community Meeting or requests for further information should be addressed to Ann Ludwig, Medical Facilities Development Program Manager, County of Alameda General Services Agency, 1401 Lakeside Drive, in Oakland, CA, 94612. E-mail messages or questions may be sent with the subject line "Highland Community Meeting" to: GSA-HighlandProjectTeam@acgov.org.