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Hispanics and Latino-Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. At our organization, "Hispanics for Progress," we embrace hope that as we work together to disrupt the cycle of poverty and the marginalization that recent immigrants often face and provide them with the essential services to help them adjust, adapt and succeed, all society will prosper.

Hospitals and access to healthcare are very much a part of those essential services I just spoke of. We have come to appreciate that as an urban, community-based hospital that serves minorities of all races and ethnicities, East Orange General Hospital has been committed to helping the lives of high risk populations, many of them recent immigrants, while building community relationships to better their well-being.

East Orange General and "Hispanics for Progress" share much in common in our mission to serve the vulnerable and underserved and make this world a better place for all citizens. Coming Together ... Keeping Together ... and Working Together, will continue to define progress and success for us and East Orange General Hospital as they join the Prospect Medical family of hospitals.

It is my understanding that Prospect believes in the core mission of East Orange General as a provider of health care for minorities and the underserved. They believe in the excellence of services and programs that help strengthen the communities they serve in many ways.

In conclusion, it is my organization's belief that once approved, the new East Orange General Hospital, with Prospect Medical in the lead, will partner with other healthcare providers and community leaders like ourselves, to not only improve care but address such root-cause social issues as access to appropriate preventive care while breaking down cultural and language barriers. These are all good things.

Miriam Torres,

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