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Community & Mission Hospital of Huntington Park Shutting Down Mission Campus, Terminating Workers

Huntington Park—Hundreds of patients who rely on Community and Mission Hospital of Huntington Park's Mission campus for medical services will be forced to go elsewhere as the facility shuts its doors.

The hospital will shut down the Pediatric and Obstetrical Departments at Mission. No new patients will be admitted and about 100 workers will be transferred or terminated. Mission shut down its urgent care operations last year.

The Huntington Park hospitals provide healthcare services to thousands in one of L.A.'s most densely populated area. The closing of the Mission campus and the termination of employees will be a serious blow not only to the community, which will lose access to these vital services, but to devoted caregivers who will lose their jobs.

"We will do what we do best, put patients first," said Lisette Perez, admitting representative. "But I'm worried about them. When will enough be enough with this employer?"

With the loss of many emergency rooms and hospitals in Los Angeles in the past few years, this area can ill afford more patient care cuts.

"Additional closures of services will simply devastate our community," said Gilbert Zamora, ultrasound technician. "I am very concerned about the crisis that awaits our patients and the healthcare workers who work here."

Healthcare workers, elected officials and community leaders will hold a press conference denouncing the closure of the campus.

What: Press Conference
**Where: In front of Mission Hospital of Huntington Park
3111 E Florence Ave, Huntington Park, Calif. 90255**
When: 10 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2008
Who: Healthcare workers, elected officials, community leaders

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