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Good evening Mayor and Members of the West Covina City Council

The Hospital Association of Southern California which represents 94 hospitals in Los Angeles County is opposed to your effort to establish a health department. Operating a public health department requires a serious financial investment – stable funding stream - that attracts top talent who are specialized in environmental health and infection prevention. This would include enforcing all health and safety regulations with the California Department of Public Health. Now is not the time during a pandemic to undermine the work and service that is currently provided to residents of West Covina, its businesses and health care providers.

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