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ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS

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The Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) is pleased to announce it has engaged the advocacy consulting firm of Hurst, Brooks and Espinosa, LLC, to facilitate the Association's legislative advocacy strategy. The three principals in the firm are very well known for their combined 49 years of advocacy work with the California Legislature, the Governor's Office and various state and local governments, public agencies and commissions.

About the Principals:

Jean Kinney-Hurst

Ms. Kinney-Hurst's interest areas include state/local government financial issues and the initiative process. Additionally, Ms. Kinney-Hurst is familiar with California's initiative process, having worked on several projects that included polling, focus groups, ballot language development, legal and financial analyses; along with campaign fundraising, media strategy and voter outreach. Prior to co-founding Hurst Brooks and Espinosa, Ms. Kinney-Hurst represented the California State Association of Counties.

Kelly Brooks-Lindsay

Ms. Brooks-Lindsay is recognized by the State Legislature and the Governor's Office as an expert on California health and human services issues. Ms. Brooks-Lindsay has participated in the negotiations of several major fiscal and policy changes in the California health and human services landscape including the expansion of Medi-Cal, the development of the Medi-Cal Drug Waiver and the existing Section 1115 Medicaid waiver. Prior to co-founding Hurst Brooks and Espinosa, Ms. Brooks-Lindsay represented the California State Association of Counties.

Elizabeth Espinosa

Ms. Espinosa's area of interest is justice and public safety; she also has extensive experience in the state's realignment policies, financing, court related issues, open records and public meeting regulations. . Prior to co-founding Hurst Brooks and Espinosa, Ms. Espinosa represented the California State Association of Counties.

Association of California Healthcare Districts

The Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) is the industry association for Healthcare Districts which provide hospital care, skilled nursing care, ambulance services, clinics, chronic disease management support as well as in-home support and educational services in 40 of California's 58 Counties. ACHD provides leadership education, operations and communication support to its Member Districts and is a principal legislative advocate on their behalf.

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