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This is a message to the Attorney General's Office from the OAG website regarding the Proposed Sale of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Inc.

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Message: While I realize it is the American way to make money, the fact that St Joe's was acquired by the current ownership at no cost makes me feel that the profit they are looking to make on the sale of the facility should in some way benefit those in the LC Valley in some way. It is the citizens of this area that have invested large sums of money and time into this facility, not only through charges for services rendered, but also through fundraisers conducted on behalf of this "non-profit" facility. If they were able to obtain the facility with no monies paid, they should be willing to pass the facility off to a group willing to run it, at no cost. The citizens of the LC Valley should not be the ones taking the hit because a non-profit wishes to make money. Add to that the fact the company looking at purchasing St Joe's plans to take out a huge loan in order to update the facility; patients will be paying for that as well, as the new owners will be a "for profit" facility. This area has a large contingency of retired people, many of whom cannot afford additional costs for their medical care. Medicare and Medicaid will only pay up to \$xx and a for profit facility will take precious money away from those receiving care. Please reconsider the approval of this sale, unless it can in some way benefit those who have supported the facility.