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Hello,

I am a Ventura resident and my family of 5 receives out healthcare at local county clinics and VCMC through the Ventura County Healthcare system. I am asking that the Board of Supervisors negotiate in good faith with the nurses union and work toward better compensation and staffing levels to protect our frontline workers. They are being asked to do more with less and after the Covid years, their ranks are being decimated. Those who stay are being burned out.

From my personal experience, the nurses are the heart of the system. They sit with us as we work our way back to health after cancer. They help us navigate complicated systems. They comfort our kids as they give them their vaccines. And they are valuable members of our community. They need to be treated with the respect they deserve.

As a community member I will continue to stand with the nurses as they ask for help. Help to attract and retain staff. Help to slow the burnout. And help to maintain their livelihood in our towns. I will continue to observe these negotiations and am asking that you do the right thing by these professionals.

Thank you,  
Grace Dunlevy