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The *Community's* Plan

Now is the time for a reimagined SUNY Downstate University Hospital!

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Hospital is a vital lifeline for Central Brooklyn, addressing health disparities, chronic conditions, and systemic inequities for underserved populations. Closure or significant inpatient service reductions would harm community health, increase mortality rates, overwhelm nearby hospitals already at capacity, and devastate the medical school.

A strategic plan to reduce bed capacity from 342 to 250 combined with targeted investments in modernization and strengthened services will ensure a healthier future for Kings County's 2.7 million residents.

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Recommendations for SUNY Downstate Hospital

1. Reduce Bed Capacity

Align resources with demand by reducing beds from 342 to 250, improving efficiency and focusing on critical care services.

2. Modernize Infrastructure

Emergency Department (ED) Renovation: Add observation units and Level 1 or 2 Trauma Centers for adult and pediatric care to handle high patient volumes and improve survival rates.

Maternal/OBGYN Service Area: Create private labor and delivery and postpartum rooms, reduce NICU beds, and expand outpatient care to enhance outcomes for high-risk pregnancies.

Cardiothoracic Services: Rebuild heart surgery programs and maintain cardiac catheterization and stroke centers to address Kings County's high cardiovascular disease rates.

Oncology: Establish an inpatient oncology service to provide life-saving cancer treatments locally, particularly for underserved populations.

Transplant Services: Reinvigorate kidney transplant programs, reducing strain on dialysis centers and providing life-saving treatments.

3. New Urgent Care and Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Establish urgent care and ambulatory surgery centers to manage non-emergency cases, reducing ER visits and healthcare costs.

4. Outpatient Preventative Care Centers

Focus on diabetes, cardiovascular health, maternal care, and stroke prevention to reduce hospitalizations and improve long-term outcomes.

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