Hospitals: California’s Economic Engines

1. Hospitals contribute to their communities far beyond their role as health care institutions.
   • For many communities, hospitals serve as economic engines, providing stability and growth vital to the financial health of the regions they serve.

2. California’s 454 hospitals employ nearly a half-million people.
   • Hospitals’ economic activity supports more than 1.1 million total jobs statewide.
   • Last year, California’s hospitals spent $128 billion on goods and services from other businesses.
   • Those goods and services, in turn, created additional economic value for California communities, supporting millions more jobs and $286 billion in total state economic activity.

3. Hospitals provide vital high-quality health care services to millions of Californians each year and support a healthy, productive workforce. But there’s room to improve their contribution to the state’s economic well-being. Opportunities include:
   • Investing in our workforce, with doctor and nurse training programs
   • Building public/private health projects, partnering with local businesses, government, and NGOs
   • Adopting supplier diversity programs in support of minority-owned businesses and communities providing competitive products and services
   • Allowing health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their training