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**Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2018 Qualifies for November Ballot**

*Advocacy organizations, Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Children Now,  
also endorse measure*

**Sacramento, Calif. (June 26, 2018)** – The California Children's Hospital Association today announced that the California Secretary of State has qualified The Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2018 for the November ballot. The measure proposes to authorize a \$1.5 billion bond over 15 years to expand and modernize California's children's hospitals, which receive more than 2 million visits from the state's sickest children every year, regardless of a family's income or ability to pay.

"The Children's Hospital Bond Act will ensure our hospitals can continue to meet the needs of kids with serious and complex diseases – like cancer and sickle cell anemia," said Ann-Louise Kuhns, President & CEO of the California Children's Hospital Association. "We appreciate the outpouring of support we have already received to qualify this important initiative, and we look forward to earning voters' support in November."

Two additional advocacy organizations are also throwing their support behind the measure. Child advocacy organization Children Now, along with the influential Silicon Valley Leadership Group, have joined the list of groups supporting the bond.

"An investment in California's 13 children's hospitals is literally an investment in California's future," said Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino. "Professionally, I know that 1 million kids each year are treated by our children's hospitals with often life-saving care. Personally, when our adopted son Jake needed three surgeries in a single day, we knew Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford was where he would get the best care. It's why I'm so proud to endorse the 2018 Children's Hospital Bond Act on the November ballot to fund critically needed upgrades for all 13 hospitals."

"Children Now is pleased to support this measure, which will ultimately improve the health and lives of children throughout California," Children Now President Ted Lempert added. "Children's hospitals are incredibly important resources for children of all income levels who require specialized, high-quality care, and we are optimistic voters will join us in supporting this important measure to ultimately help save more kids' lives."

The California Hospital Association and the Children's Specialty Care Coalition endorsed the bond in April.

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Additional facts about California's children's hospitals:

- California is home to 13 regional children's hospitals, which provide specialized care for children and young adults up to age 21.
- California's children's hospitals perform 97 percent of all pediatric organ transplants and 96 percent of all pediatric heart surgeries, and they conduct 76 percent of all pediatric cancer treatments.
- Children's hospitals are premier pediatric research centers, making leading-edge biomedical discoveries that benefit all kids.
- These advances in medical research and technology are producing dramatic results. Today, 85 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are cured.

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### **About the California Children's Hospital Association**

For more than 20 years, the California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA) has been advocating on behalf of California's eight free-standing, not-for-profit hospitals to advance the well-being of children, promote access to high quality pediatric health care, and ensure the long-term viability of children's hospitals. The Association works with state and national leaders to address issues impacting the hospitals' ability to provide the best care possible to the children of California, especially those with special and complex medical conditions. For more information, visit [CCHA.org](http://CCHA.org).

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