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FAIR SHARE SPENDING

Lown Institute's April 12, 2022 Fair Share Spending Launch event featured experts who led a discussion on how nonprofit hospitals are giving back to their communities. The Lown Institute Hospitals Index is the first ranking to examine meaningful community benefit spending for nonprofit hospital systems nationwide. The Institute calculated a "fair share spending" for over 1,800 hospitals across 275 nonprofit hospital systems by comparing each system's spending on charity care to the value of its tax exemption.

Data sources were hospital tax filings from fiscal year ending 2019, which is the most recent year available for most hospitals. Information on hospital systems' CARE Act grant funding and excess revenue were obtained through the public audited financial statements. In the **article and video** of the discussion, you will see that the total fair share deficit is $18.4 billion dollars. You will also see that number 13 on the list of hospitals which have the largest fair share deficit is Sutter Health, which Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City is a local hospital under.

What Can You Do?
The Board of Supervisors are the governing body for the County of Del Norte and certain special districts. The Board enacts ordinances and resolutions, adopts the annual budget, approves contracts, appropriates funds, appoints certain County officers and members of various boards and commissions. You can access to the Board of Supervisors and express your concerns by contacting them **via phone or email**. You can also attend a **meeting** and state your concerns via a public comment.

Sincerely,

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