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**To:** [BoardOperations](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for BOS Meeting 2/6/24  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:15:08 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Alyssa. I'm a nurse at VMC and on the RNPA board.

I wish to bring to your attention two important issues.

First, I am in support of Supervisor Lee's referral of Lunar New Year holiday to honor the Asian people of our community. I have noticed since my family has immigrated from Vietnam to this valley that this community has been thriving over the last 40 - 50 years. The Asian community is an intricate part of this society. It would be a prestigious recognition to celebrate this lunar new year of health, prosperity, peace for all as an official holiday.

Secondly, I wish to bring to your attention the need for reform of the timekeeping and payroll system for hospital staff. Nurses often wait many pay periods to many months for a correction to their paychecks. This is money owed to them for hours they have already worked. Not only is this not fair, but it's wrong. Timekeeping staff make up their own interpretation of our MOU and it's not consistent across departments or hospitals. Some nurses get paid for differentials. However, others working the same shift, but under a different timekeeper may not. Please help us get paid what we should. This isn't asking for more, it's only asking for what is correct and in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alyssa Dulong, RN

**From:** [Zahra Billoo](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supporting Lunar New Year as a County Holiday  
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Dear SCC Board of Supervisors,

My name is Zahra Billoo, and I write on behalf of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA).

We are supportive of Supervisor Lee's recommendation that the Lunar New Year be recognized as a county holiday. We've seen great strides at the state level in this direction, various entities in San Francisco have begun to recognize it, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board has already added it as a paid holiday.

This is an important opportunity for Santa Clara County to lead the way, recognizing and celebrating the diversity of its community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Zahra

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