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The Honorable Mayor Rob Schroder
City of Martinez
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Dear Mayor Schroder:

Per our conversation, I wanted you and the City Council to remain assured that Martinez will always be an important site for Kaiser Permanente to provide primary care to the Martinez community. We expressed this view in an article published in this morning's edition of the *Martinez News-Gazette*. The Adult Medicine, Pediatrics and Women's Health Departments are staying in Martinez, as will Laboratory, Radiology, Pharmacy and other services. We will also continue to provide certain specialty procedures at Martinez, such as cataract surgeries. In addition, we are currently evaluating other specialty services to be based at Martinez in the future, and will announce them once the decisions are finalized.

As I mentioned earlier this month to you, we are currently working to expand our services in Contra Costa County and are very proud to be opening a second medical center campus in the Diablo Service Area. The new Kaiser Permanente Antioch Medical Center is scheduled to open in November, 2007. When the medical center opens, we will offer new services in Antioch to accommodate years of growth in East Contra Costa County, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the Bay Area, and we expect to see continued increasing demand for medical services there in the future.

In addition to the need to serve this growing population in East Contra Costa County, we also strive to gain control over the ever-increasing health care costs. Doing so will help control the costs our members pay for their health care. For this reason, while continuing to provide primary care services in local neighborhoods throughout the Diablo Service Area, such as our Martinez campus, we concentrate our hospital and major specialty services at our Walnut Creek and Antioch medical centers.

We will be sending a letter to all of our members in the near future with details of the coming service changes. We think you will see that much will remain in Martinez and there will be an over-all gain to our Diablo members.

If you have any questions concerning Kaiser Permanente's plans, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at 372-1475.

Sincerely,

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Copy to: Mr. Don Blubaugh, Interim City Manager

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