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# Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth

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June 28, 2011

President Christina Olague  
San Francisco Planning Commission  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear President Olague and Members of the San Francisco Planning Commission:

The Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth strongly supports California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) proposed plans currently under review by the San Francisco Planning Commission to build two, new earthquake-safe hospitals and conduct major renovations at a third. Our membership believes that rebuilding CPMC is essential to securing the public's health and safety, and our city's economic future – and it won't cost taxpayers a penny.

The Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth (Alliance) is an alliance of labor unions, business organizations and neighborhood groups that is focused on creating good paying union jobs and sustainable economic growth that will benefit neighborhoods and community groups in San Francisco. Growing our economy to produce good jobs and revenue for the public sector is a necessity if we are to reverse our current economic decline and improve our quality of life. CPMC's "shove-ready" project has the ability to jumpstart our economy by creating 1,500 new, union construction jobs when the construction industry is desperate for work, and injecting \$1.9 billion into our local economy.

The role CPMC plays in providing health care to San Franciscans is vital. The center serves hundreds of thousands of patients annually, delivers 7,000 babies each year, and handles one-third of hospitalizations in the city. Now it is planning to significantly improve San Francisco's ability to provide critical post-disaster medical services as it revamps its facilities to meet new state seismic safety standards. The proposed hospitals - one at St. Luke's Hospital in the Mission District, and another at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Boulevard, both near the most densely populated areas of the city - are designed to function after a catastrophe.

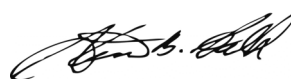
The city recently approved concessions to the tax code to keep Twitter in San Francisco and help revitalize the mid-Market area. We need to do more to keep businesses here. We should be equally supportive of a hospital that employs almost 7,000 people and is trying to ensure it will still be open and operating when we need it most.

The Alliance encourages city leaders to choose the path that leads to earthquake-safe health facilities, thousands of new jobs and improved access to health care.

Sincerely,



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Alliance for Jobs and Sustainable Growth



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