



June 20, 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 Building Owner and Managers Association of San Francisco (BOMA) is writing to express its support for CPMC's plans to build two new, earthquake-safe hospitals and conduct major renovations at a third in San Francisco. Rebuilding California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) will enhance the public's health and safety, create and retain thousands of jobs for San Franciscans, boost the local economy, and ensure San Francisco has seismically sound hospitals when the next big earthquake hits.

Founded in 1911, BOMA San Francisco is a non-profit trade group representing the commercial real estate industry in San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, and Sonoma Counties. BOMA San Francisco represents over 72 million square feet of office space in the San Francisco Bay Area which houses over a quarter million workers every day. Our organization firmly believes that the safety of our city's workforce, residents, and visitors is clearly at risk if we delay or stop these critically important hospital projects.

The recent tragic, natural disasters in Haiti, Japan, and Joplin, Missouri are reminders that tragedy can strike at any moment; and that we must be prepared. Emergency preparedness is a top priority for BOMA. We equip our members with the knowledge and tools to respond to a variety of disasters - ranging from earthquake preparedness to bioterrorism and fires. However, a familiarity of effective response only goes so far if necessary resources are not in place, such as hospitals and other health care delivery facilities. We need to rebuild San Francisco's hospitals to ensure they will continue to operate during and after an earthquake and continue to serve the medical needs of San Franciscans.

Finally, in these tough economic times, San Francisco needs CPMC's redevelopment project to move our city forward. Many of the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed hospitals are in dire need of street beautification and revitalization. The proposed projects at Van Ness and Geary and St. Luke's will not only improve the existing merchant corridors surrounding the area, but will encourage new businesses to move into the numerous vacant storefronts – which in turn will enhance the street conditions for pedestrians, and create a more safe and lively community for everyone.

BOMA San Francisco strongly supports CPMC's proposed hospital projects and urges the Planning Commission to approve them as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,

Ken Cleaveland
BOMA San Francisco

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Supervisor David Chiu, President, SF Board of Supervisors
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