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President Christina Olague
San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
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Dear President Olague and Esteemed Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of Conard House I am writing to express our organization's support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) plans to rebuild two new hospitals - one at St. Luke's, the other at Van Ness and Geary - and renovate a third site, its Davies campus. We applaud CPMC for taking on a plan that will upgrade our city's health care facilities to ensure that the residents of San Francisco have access to state-of-the art, patient-centered care for future generations.

For over 50 years, Conard House has been providing an array of community-based resources to help San Franciscans self-manage mental illness. From our residential treatment program to supportive housing to job placement assistance, our mission is to empower clients to find healthy pathways to recovery and promote long-term independent living through supported self-management.

CPMC has been and continues to be a partner in our mission. Through its African American Breast Health and Sister-to-Sister Program, CPMC has helped us provide breast health education outreach and comprehensive breast diagnostic and treatment services to our clients - free of charge. It is our firm belief that preventative and educational care is essential to lifelong health and that all patients deserve excellent health care, regardless of their income, background or the nature of their illness.

The proposed hospital at Van Ness and Geary and rebuild at St. Luke's campus will increase access to health care services and meet our City's changing demographics and population needs in San Francisco. The approval of this project will bring us all one step closer to achieving our integrated health-care system affording the highest quality of patient care. It will also create jobs and provide benefits that will be felt in the nearby neighborhoods and throughout the city.

Conard House is proud to partner with and support rebuilding CPMC. We urge you to move forward with this project without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard Heasley
Executive Director

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