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

Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission,

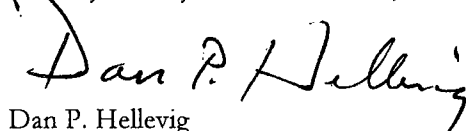
The Ironworkers, Local 377 is writing to express its support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) plans to build two new, earthquake-safe hospitals and renovate a third one in San Francisco. Rebuilding CPMC will ensure the safety and welfare of San Franciscans, and more importantly, bring much-needed economic revitalization to San Francisco.

Local 377 chartered in 1921 as a mixed local. We currently represent roughly 2500 men and women engaged in the ironworking industry in the greater San Francisco Bay Area and North Coast. Our goals are to organize our industry to raise the standard of living of all ironworkers, to foster and promote a safe jobsite work environment through safety training and programs, and to provide important information regarding political issues to better allow our members to make an informed choice. Currently, the livelihood of our members is threatened due to San Francisco's struggling economy. Roughly 25 percent of our union brothers and sisters are out of a job and are ready to work. Projects like CPMC's offer an opportunity to jumpstart our local economies in the short-term and build services for long-term public health.

CPMC is the second-largest nongovernmental employer in the City, providing 6,600 jobs and promises to generate 1,500 good paying union "shovel-ready" construction jobs once the project is approved and ready to break ground. Over recent years our union has committed precious resources to develop our apprenticeship and journeyman retraining program, as well as working closely in partnership with community based organizations to provide opportunities for unemployed young people in the City and County of San Francisco. However, the prolonged depression in the construction industry has limited our ability to retain new candidates and train skilled workers who will contribute to the economy for years to come. San Francisco's working families and Local 377's members need this project. We support CPMC's rebuild plan not only because of the improvements to our City's health delivery system, but also because of the infusion of \$2.5 billion into the local economy. This is an opportunity our city cannot afford to lose. We cannot continue to delay this project.

Local 377 strongly supports CPMC's proposed projects and encourages the Planning Commission and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to approve it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dan P. Hellevig  
Executive Officer

Cc: Mayor Edwin Lee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Planning Director John Rahaim, Director of the Department of Public Health Barbara Garcia, Ken Rich

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