SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH **NAACP**

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Carlton Goodlett Place
Suite 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

San Franciscans deserve the same high quality medical care as other large American cities. California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) current facilities are well beyond their useful functional lives and urgently need replacement and upgrading. CPMC's new facilities will bring San Francisco's health care in line with the best in American medicine. The new Van Ness & Geary hospital with large emergency room, clinics and medical office buildings, as well as the substantial linkage with Chinese Hospital and Northeast Medical Services clinic, and the rebuilding of St. Luke's Hospital will provide state-of-the-art medical care for the most populated areas of the City.

CPMC's reconstruction of St. Luke's Hospital and construction of the new facility at Van Ness and Geary will also provide for roughly 40% of the earthquake resistant hospital beds deemed necessary by City disaster planners. Having earthquake-resistant hospital facilities better guarantees that hospital and health care personnel will survive a major earthquake and be available for emergency relief.

CPMC is one of the largest employers in the city of San Francisco with roughly 6000 employees. San Francisco's continued prosperity depends on the vitality of the health care sector, and CPMC is a major component of that economic engine. CPMC has been and continues to be committed to diversity in its work force. The NAACP looks forward to CPMC continuing its efforts to engage and empower our community by providing Medical Job training and employment for the residents of San Francisco.

CPMC has made significant efforts to ensure that there is a thriving health care clinic in the Bayview Hunter's Point Community, Bayview Children's Health Clinic. This clinic helps to address lack of access to quality health care in the southeast area of the city. CPMC has also provided support to the seniors in the Bayview Hunter's Point Community with a generous donation to the George Davis Senior Center. In addition, CPMC has been very pro-active in addressing breast Cancer awareness in our community by launching the "Sister to Sister: Breast Cancer" awareness program that does outreach in the Western Addition and in the Bayview Hunter's Point area.

The San Francisco Branch of the NAACP looks forward to collaborating with CPMC community-based programs and clinics to provide health care services to the whole community, with emphasis on disadvantaged residents.

Sincerely yours,

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