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Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission,

Secretary
Tomiqua Moss

I am writing to express the support of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) proposed plan to build two, seismically safer hospitals – one at the central location at Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street and one at the St. Luke's campus south of Market—and to renovate the Davies Campus in the Castro. SPUR strongly urges the Commission to support and approve rebuilding CPMC to ensure that our city has improved access to health care facilities.

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SPUR was founded in response to the 1906 earthquake, and to this day one of SPUR's core priorities is to make San Francisco truly resilient by taking steps *now* to help our city remain safe and usable after a major earthquake. Rebuilding CPMC is a vital part of improved earthquake resilience.

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In 2008, I personally participated in the St. Luke's Blue Ribbon Panel, and I can attest that the overall proposal reflects sound healthcare planning.

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CPMC's plans are spurred by the State law, SB 1953, which requires all hospital inpatient facilities to be seismically safe no later than January 1, 2015. San Francisco cannot afford to delay a plan that will ensure our city's resiliency and our capacity to survive when a major earthquake strikes.

We encourage you to allow CPMC to move forward with its Institutional Master Plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Metcalf
Executive Director, SPUR