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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

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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 Operating Engineers Local Union 3 is writing to express its support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) plans to build two new, state-of-the-art, earthquake-safe hospitals and completing major renovations at a third in San Francisco. Rebuilding CPMC will ensure the safety and welfare of San Franciscans and revitalize San Francisco's economy.

Chartered in 1896, Operating Engineers Local Union 3 remains dedicated to extending the benefits of solidarity of our trade union to all of those working as heavy equipment operators and construction workers, and public employees, such as maintenance workers and police officers, throughout Northern California, Northern Nevada, Hawaii and Utah. In these difficult economic times with construction projects being few and far between, many of our members find themselves struggling to maintain steady employment. The members and working families of Local 3 need this project.

CPMC has presented a thoughtful plan that will not only improve the conditions of the hospitals that serve over 40 percent of San Francisco patients, but also create over 1,500 "shovel ready" union jobs. In addition to injecting \$2.5 billion into our local economy, the proposed projects at Van Ness and Geary and at the existing St. Luke's campus in the Mission will create opportunities for employment and hopefully draw more businesses to those areas, creating a multiplier effect of potential job opportunities for our members.

We strongly urge the San Francisco Planning Commission and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support this project.

Thank you for your service and consideration,

Ken Oku
District Representative

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