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September 20, 2010

President Ron Miguel
San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Dear President Miguel and Members of the Planning Commission:

I write to express the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West's (SEIU-UHW) support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) proposed citywide system of care, which will create earthquake safe hospitals and more than 1,500 new union jobs.

SEIU-UHW represents more than 150,000 workers in every facet of the healthcare industry - including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and homecare. Our union has a collective bargaining agreement for its members with CPMC, but these workers are at risk every day working in the seismically unsafe and dilapidated St. Luke's hospital campus.

Projects like CPMC's also offer a local "stimulus" opportunity to jump start our local economies in the short-term while building 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.

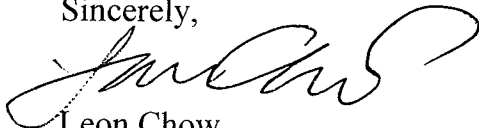
The Draft Environmental Impact Report is extremely comprehensive and does a good job of analyzing impacts and proposing the appropriate mitigations. Acceptance of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will put our members back to work and will also be instrumental in turning the livelihood of numerous union brothers and sisters around.

SEIU-UHW strongly supports CPMC's rebuild and the revitalization of St. Luke's and encourages the Planning Commission to approve the EIR expeditiously. While some issues may still need to be addressed, the Commission and the City have the responsibility to make this important project a top priority and avoid unnecessary delays that will only prevent thousands of workers from obtaining desperately needed jobs.

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Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Director of External Affairs

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