



August 5, 2011

President Christina Olague
San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of De Marillac Academy, I write to express support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) proposal to rebuild two, new earthquake-safe hospitals for the City of San Francisco and to complete major renovations at a third. The proposed Van Ness and Geary campus, in particular, is centrally located and will allow greater access to the city's central neighborhoods, many of which are currently underserved. De Marillac Academy is a 4-8 grade, independent school in the Tenderloin that takes pride in our extensive community partnerships throughout the city; without support like that which we receive from CPMC, we would not be able to offer our comprehensive program serving the families of the Tenderloin.

CPMC's service in the Tenderloin is built upon a strong foundation of support to De Marillac – through comprehensive counseling and health programs, such as our Health Champions program which was launched in 2004. Health Champions is a project to create a healthier school community by promoting healthy lifestyles such as physical fitness and nutritious food choices. Food justice and access to healthy food options are becoming a more talked about problem; however, in 2004, this was not the case. CPMC's early health education partnership with De Marillac has positively impacted hundreds of students, saving them from long range health challenges such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. By combining nutrition education and food preparation with hands-on physical activities, we have established a culture of health consciousness. Additionally, since 2001 CPMC has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars of services consisting of the most qualified counseling leadership via its Child Development Center. CPMC's seven person team of professional counselors provide dedicated in-kind services to our students and families on an annual basis.

These are just some of the ways CPMC has made a positive impact on the health of our community. This new hospital will significantly enhance CPMC's already strong commitment to our families and our Tenderloin community with its close proximity and emergency services – open and available to all who come through the Emergency Room's doors for help. I support rebuilding CPMC and respectfully request that you do the same.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael Daniels".

Michael Daniels
President
De Marillac Academy

Cc: Mayor Edwin Lee; President David Chiu; Supervisor Eric Mar; Supervisor Mark Farrell;
Supervisor Carmen Chu; Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi; Supervisor Jane Kim; Supervisor Sean Elsbernd;
Supervisor Scott Wiener; Supervisor David Campos; Supervisor Malia Cohen;
Supervisor John Avalos; Barbara Garcia; John Rahaim; Ken Rich