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"In the heart of the Mission"

October 7, 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 my support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) vision for the future of health care in San Francisco. Its long-term and holistic plan to upgrade our city's health care delivery facilities will provide both state-of-the art medical services for San Franciscans, support the public's safety by making buildings earthquake-safe, create thousands of jobs in the City, and bring much-needed neighborhood beautification and revitalization to the southeastern part of San Francisco.

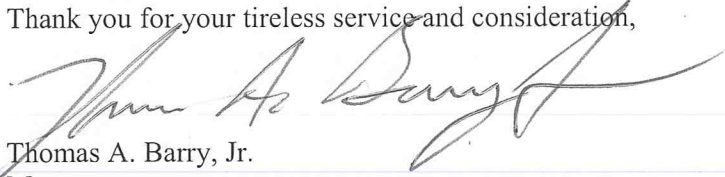
As a business manager in the Mission District, I witness the need for local hospital services on a regular basis. You may be aware that the Emergency Room at St. Luke's Hospital also serves as our local Worker's Comp Clinic. My employees have, on more occasions than I like to think about, utilized this service. The area's poor also are served by the hospital on a regular basis; I have witnessed many examples of this. St. Luke's Hospital is a vital member of the Mission Community; it would indeed be a travesty to lose this strong link to health services within our neighborhood. I was born and raised in Northern California, the hospital in which I was born, Eureka's General Hospital, moved from its longstanding location on Harris Street between H and I Streets, to a newer facility approximately 1.2 miles distant. Within several months the medical offices and support clinics surrounding the hospital began leaving that area to be nearer the new facility location. Having local medical offices close following the loss of St. Luke's Campus would drastically limit the available health services in the Mission Community. Please consider all the ramifications that accompany the closure of this hospital campus.

As a local merchant who has served the community adjacent to the St. Luke's Campus for 5 years, I recognize the need for an earthquake-safe community-based hospital for this neighborhood, as well as the need to increase public safety surrounding the existing hospital. The new proposed hospital at St. Luke's beautifies the area through attractive design that better integrates into the surrounding neighborhood, improves landscaping, and provides a more welcoming environment. The proposed plan will positively enhance the neighborhood with trees, make the campus more people friendly, and the community will be safer because of this project. St. Luke's is beloved not only to those living or working in the Mission, but to its nine surrounding neighborhoods as well. San Francisco is the greatest city in the world, I have lived in other places (Los Angeles and Hamburg, Germany among them) there is no rival to The City; our community deserves the best, and this campus project will provide just that.

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I strongly support CPMC's citywide system of care, including the St. Luke's revitalization, and encourage the Planning Commission to approve the project, thus securing San Francisco's health care future and our neighborhood's financial well-being.

Thank you for your tireless service and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Barry, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas A. Barry, Jr.
Manager

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