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Ron Miguel
San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, #400
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Dear Mr. Miguel and Commission Members:

My name is Peter Glikshtern and I am writing in my capacity as President of the Mission Merchants Association, as well as a resident of the Mission District, to express enthusiastic support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) revitalization of the St. Luke's campus.

St. Luke's Hospital has had a long and rich history of community-centered care in our neighborhood and I am very excited about CPMC's efforts to overhaul this wonderful facility.

The Mission Merchants Association's goals are to increase awareness of local businesses, promote economic development and, address our members' common concerns. We are the oldest, and one of the biggest organizations of it's kind in San Francisco.

Our members all have a vested stake in the neighborhood and, we firmly believe that CPMC's renovation plans will offer a wide-range of benefits, including filling vacant storefronts, increasing foot traffic in the Mission-Cesar Chavez corridor and, providing aesthetic improvements to our culturally rich neighborhood.

The state-of-the-art improvements CPMC proposes will modernize St. Luke's, make the hospital compliant with California seismic standards and, equip it to better handle San Francisco's health care needs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend CPMC for being a responsive community partner and, remaining mindful of and engaging the public's questions and concerns.

CPMC's proposed changes for St. Luke's represent a thoughtful, extensive healthcare plan for the Mission and, San Francisco in general. I respectfully request that the Planning Commission move this very important project forward with all speed.

Sincerely,


Peter Glikshtern