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President Christina Olague  
San Francisco Planning Commission  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
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Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission,

The San Francisco Chinese Club is writing to express its support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) plans to rebuild two new hospitals - one at St. Luke's and one at Van Ness and Geary - and renovate a third at its Davies campus. Rebuilding CPMC into an earthquake-safe citywide system of care will support the public's safety by making San Francisco's hospitals operational after a major seismic event, create thousands of jobs in the City, and help continue its tradition of delivering excellent health care to San Franciscans, irrespective of ability to pay.

Founded in 2008, the San Francisco Chinese Club strives to enhance the quality of life for limited English speaking residents in the Chinatown and North Beach communities. We provide social, cultural, and education programs to our members and are committed to help them fully engage and contribute to the citywide community.

CPMC has a strong history of providing health programs and services to San Francisco's Asian community, and every resident of San Francisco should have access to the best medical care. North East Medical Services (NEMS) and CPMC have collaborated over the years to provide specialty care services to our underserved populations, including the delivery of more than 400 NEMS' newborns at CPMC each year through their Healthy San Francisco partnership - as well as inpatient care access to approximately 12,000 NEMS patients, constituting roughly 25% of the entire Healthy San Francisco population. The proposed centralized location for its new campus at Van Ness and Geary will be in close proximity to the patients we serve, particularly those in Chinatown. This means fewer bus trips for those taking public transit and more accessible health care. This means less distance for our families to go to deliver their babies.

In addition to the Healthy San Francisco partnership, CPMC has also been an instrumental player and partner in the efforts to end Hepatitis B, a virus extremely

common among Asian Americans. Through its San Francisco Hep B Free campaign, CPMC provides free Hepatitis B screenings and vaccinations for Asian and Pacific Islanders, as well as at-risk adults in San Francisco. Since 2008, over 3,000 individuals have been screened for the virus. The San Francisco Hep B Free Campaign has been vital to our community.

CPMC has been a long standing partner in San Francisco's Chinese community, and we applaud all of the work it has done for San Francisco. Rebuilding CPMC will not only invest in the health care delivery for our generations, but it will generate a significant amount of local jobs at time when jobs are scarce. The San Francisco Chinese Club is proud to support CPMC's proposed hospital at Van Ness and Geary, its plans to rebuild St. Luke's, and renovate its Davies campus, and encourage the Planning Commission to approve the project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,



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*President, San Francisco Chinese Club*

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