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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of The ALS Association Greater Bay Area Chapter, I am writing in support of California Pacific Medical Center's Long Range Development Plan.

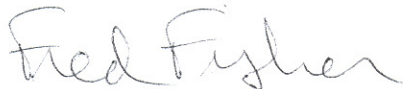
The ALS Association serves patients and families living with the challenges of ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a fatal disease with no known cause and no known cure. People with Lou Gehrig's Disease often lose their ability to move, speak, swallow, and breathe. Eighty percent of those diagnosed with ALS today will die in two to five years.

Of particular interest to us is the plan's intent to relocate the medical center's Neuroscience Institute to the Davies Campus. The ALS Association partners with the Forbes Norris ALS Research and Treatment Center which is an important programmatic component of the Neuroscience Institute.

Relocating the Neuroscience Institute, and the Forbes Norris ALS Center, to the Davies Campus is a boon for people with ALS as it will maximize their access to skilled nursing and outpatient care.

For the benefit of people fighting ALS, as well as those suffering from other neurological disorders, I encourage you allow California Pacific Medical Center to move forward with its Long Range Development Plan for the Forbes Norris ALS Research and Treatment Center and the Davies Campus.

Thank you,



Fred Fisher
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