



ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
WELLNESS CENTER

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

Dear President Olague and Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, I am writing to express our support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) plans to rebuild two new, earthquake-safe and modern hospitals and complete major renovations at a third.

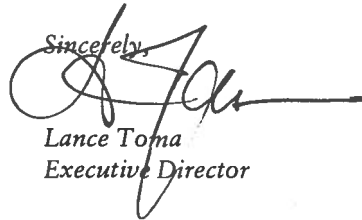
A&PI Wellness Center is a health services, education, research, and policy organization. Our mission is to educate, support, empower and advocate for Asian and Pacific Islander (A&PI) communities—particularly A&PIs living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS. Our core values guide how we fulfill our mission, including our program delivery, our decision-making and our community collaborations: client-centeredness compassion, justice, leadership, respect, sex-positivity, and wellness.

A&PI Wellness Center is currently expanding our community medical clinic, inclusive of primary care services and CPMC has been supporting this work. In particular, CPMC provided support to complete a Tenderloin needs assessment targeting A&PIs and transgenders in the Tenderloin to better understand the health care needs for both the A&PI community and the transgender community in the Tenderloin. Our clear goal is to engage people who have not historically accessed the health care system. This is the most recent example of CPMC's support of the programs and services of A&PI Wellness Center that goes back many years.

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 Tenderloin, and just down the street from our facility. This means fewer bus trips for those taking public transit and more accessible health care.

The proposed Van Ness and Geary location also provides a platform for CPMC to expand its existing health programs in surrounding neighborhoods, including providing inpatient medical care home for Healthy San Francisco enrollees.

Thank you for your time and I request that you accept CPMC's hospital rebuild project without delay.

Sincerely,

Lance Toma
Executive Director

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