



Muscular Dystrophy Association

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Dear Health Commission,

At the MDA, we help patients with a wide array of neuromuscular diseases, one of the most well-known being Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

The Forbes Norris MDA/ALS Research Center, which is part of California Pacific Medical Center and a primary tenant of the proposed Neuroscience Institute project at Davies, is a crown jewel in the world of research and treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Dr. Miller and the staff at CPMC are renowned in this field as truly the best. As the MDA for San Francisco, we are proud to refer people to this extraordinary clinic because they receive the best care.

We have previously expressed our support for the Neuroscience Institute as it will enhance the ability of the Forbes Norris Center to do its important work in this field. We would like to take this opportunity to express our support for California Pacific's entire institutional master plan. CPMC's facilities plans represent an integrated approach to the delivery of health care into the future. For neuromuscular diseases it is essential that CPMC remain on the cutting edge of research and treatment. Their facilities plans will ensure that this will be the case. We urge the approval of CPMC's plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leslie Uptain'.

Leslie Uptain, District Director
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