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President Ron Miguel  
San Francisco Planning Commission  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
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Dear President Miguel and Members of the Planning Commission:

As you may know, I served as a member of the Community Outreach Task Force which worked with the Blue Ribbon Panel that was formed to help shape the future of health care delivery South of Market, including the future of the St. Luke's Campus. After lengthy dialogue and input from the community and reputable experts in the health care field, the Panel arrived at a set of recommendations that the CPMC Board of Directors adopted and incorporated into their IMP document. Through this letter, I would like to express my support for California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) Institutional Master Plan (IMP) before you.

The Blue Ribbon Panel process demonstrated that for the St. Luke's Campus to thrive it will need to be linked to the CPMC system which includes the larger facility at Cathedral Hill. Stand-alone institutions are no longer sustainable and the duplication of services at various sites is costly and inefficient. It is only on the strength of the system as a whole that St. Luke's will remain viable in the San Francisco community. It is our hope that all neighboring residents of St. Luke's will regard the facility as their community hospital, not only for the underserved but as a quality institution that any San Franciscan could access.

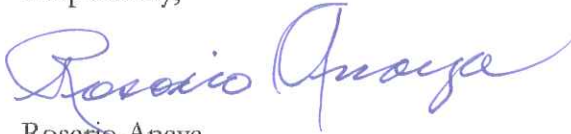
Mission Language and Vocational School is a non-profit community-based organization that has been benefiting the San Francisco community for over 41 years through its education, workforce and economic development programs. We provide services to over 600 low income Latinos and other underserved minorities annually, of which over 70% are women and over 90% are limited and non-English speakers with multiple barriers to employment. MLVS provides a bridge out of poverty into self-sufficiency by equipping students with the self-esteem, language and vocational skills needed to succeed in today's competitive job market. Since its inception in 1968, MLVS has trained over 10,000 low-income and minority community members (age 18 and over) in computer skills, and more than 26,000 overall in office administration, IT, healthcare and culinary fields. This year, we are expanding our Medical Assisting program to a broader Bilingual Healthcare Initiative, and the CPMC's IMP will make further partnership opportunities possible around the effort to develop a truly multilingual, multicultural healthcare workforce.

I believe the projects before you represent an opportunity for San Francisco, not only in the investment into healthcare infrastructure, but also for the enormous economic infusion at a time when many San Franciscans are in need of work.

**I support CPMC's Institutional Master Plan and encourage the Planning Commission to approve the project, thus investing in San Francisco's health care future.**

Thank you for your leadership and consideration,

Respectfully,



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