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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

Project Homeless Connect is an organization dedicated to helping create lasting solutions to homelessness. While our mission is rooted in San Francisco, where we began in October 2004, the model that we created has since been replicated in more than 200 cities across the U.S., as well as in Puerto Rico, Canada, and Australia. The core of our work is the volunteers and supporters who turn out at each event to help us help those most in need.

Since our inception California Pacific Medical Center has been a strong supporter of PHC, the work that we do, and the people that we help. CPMC has provided doctors and nurses to help treat our clients, medical supplies to treat them with, and mammograms for at-risk women. The hospital has also made PHC part of its Leadership Development program, requiring hundreds of CPMC's managers and administrators to take part in a PHC event at least once a year.

Project Homeless Connect supports CPMC in its plans to build seismically safe hospitals at the Cathedral Hill site on Van Ness and at St. Luke's. Both hospitals are in communities that are historically underserved, low-income neighborhoods. These new facilities will make CPMC's expertise and high quality health care available to people who have traditionally not been able to access this level of care.

CPMC is proposing spending some \$2.5 billion on these projects, creating hundreds of much needed jobs. At a time when our city, state and country are in the grips of a severe recession, this kind of investment could help so many people in our City. That is why we support CPMC's plans, and why we hope you will also support CPMC in its efforts to improve health care in our community.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward DeMasi", written over a horizontal line.

Edward DeMasi
Deputy Director