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Dear President Miguel, esteemed Commissioners

My name is Walter Menzel. I am the Executive Director of the Peter Michael Foundation. The goal of our organization is to help discover and champion the most promising new tools, technologies, and treatments for prostate cancer. We have been funding innovative prostate cancer research at UCSF for the past four years.

I know firsthand how important it is to be able to deliver state-of-the-art services for people battling life threatening conditions and deadly diseases. To be able to do that, however, you need a state-of-the-art hospital. That is what CPMC is planning to build at Cathedral Hill, bringing together an incredible team of specialists under one roof, to offer patients the very best in care.

People travel from all across the country to get treated at CPMC. There is a reason why; they have the best staff and offer the best care. What they don't have is the best facility, which is why they need your support and help in building one. A facility that can withstand an earthquake, one that will enable them to move the quality of care to another level and to be able to take advantage of existing and even future technological advances to help patients.

I have had the misfortune to have been a patient at other hospitals. I did everything I could to get transferred as quickly as possible to CPMC. When you are sick, when you are battling life-threatening problems, you don't care about politics, all you care about is getting the help you need.

That's why I'm urging you to suppress the politics around this issue and put the medical services for the people of San Francisco first. The citizens need this hospital and the city economy needs the \$2.5 Billion that it will inject into the economy.

With your leadership and CPMC's commitment, you can make it happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Walter B. Menzel