



August 5, 2009

President Ron Miguel  
San Francisco Planning Commission  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Dear President Miguel and Members of the Planning Commission:

I write to express the Latina Breast Cancer Agency's support of California Pacific Medical Center's (CPMC) Institutional Master Plan (IMP) before the City. The Latina Breast Cancer Agency facilitates access to information, education, health care, resources and provides emotional support for Latinas who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. CPMC and the staff and physicians at St. Luke's have been partners with our agency in delivering on our mission. Over the years, CPMC has provided funding for our breast health outreach efforts to San Francisco Latinas. Additionally they have provided no cost health care to women in need of diagnostic care and treatment.

As a leader in the mission neighborhood, I have served as a member of St. Luke's Community Advisory Committee and as a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel Community Outreach Task Force. I strongly support the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel and believe that CPMC's current plans before you are thoughtful and provide the mission and south of market districts access to quality health care.

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 our community. It was 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.

It is my belief that the revitalization of the campus will improve the safety and well-being of the Cesar Chavez/Valencia corridors. The infusion of cash into the local economy as a result of the projects before you are much needed in this time of economic crisis.

**The Latina Breast Cancer Agency strongly supports CPMC's Institutional Master Plan and encourages the Planning Commission to approve the project resulting in the \$2.5 billion investment in San Francisco's health care future.**

Thank you for your leadership and consideration,

Olivia Fè  
Executive Director

Cc: LBCA Board of Directors  
President David Chiu, San Francisco Board of Supervisors