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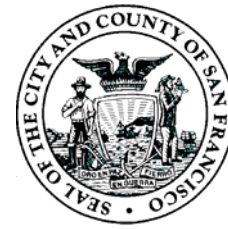
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### **Health Commission to Hold September 7 Meeting in Chinatown**

#### **Opportunity for Public to Offer Input**

**San Francisco, CA**—San Francisco Health Commission President Jim Illig has announced that the next regularly scheduled Health Commission meeting will be held in Chinatown at the Lady Shaw Senior Center, 483 Mason Street on Tuesday, September 7 at 4 p.m.

At least once each year, the 7-member Health Commission meets at an off-site location so that members of the public who live in the area have ease of access to the policy making board and, at the same time, have an opportunity to speak on any health-related topic they want the Commission to know about.

The Commission's agenda for the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will have as its main focus a series of presentations by staff and representatives from community-based organizations will provide highlights of the DPH-funded services in District 3. Also in the lineup is a Prop Q continuance hearing of CPMC's planned transfer of ownership and management of its outpatient dialysis services to Davita.

"We want residents to bring their concerns and their ideas about how to improve the health of their community and their families," said Commission President Illig. "This Commission will stay until we have given everyone an opportunity to speak. We are very excited to be able to bring our policy-making responsibilities and oversight directly to the community."

Health Commission Vice President Edward Chow, MD, a long-time member of the Commission and a practicing clinician at Chinese Hospital, said, "I encourage members of the Chinese community to come to the Health Commission meeting and find out what services are available in their neighborhood that they could use to improve their own health and the health of their family. We also want to know what issues people are dealing with that are affecting their health."

The Commission's final agenda for the September 7 meeting will be posted on line by close of business Friday, September 3. Go to <http://www.sfdph.org> and look for the Health Commission box.

The regularly-scheduled San Francisco Health Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 101 Grove St., Room 300, at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Health Commission Executive Secretary [Mark.Morewitz@sfdph.org](mailto:Mark.Morewitz@sfdph.org) or at 415/554-2666.