

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 17-08

ENDORISING THE FINDINGS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE FOR THE
REBUILDING OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, St. Luke's Hospital is a full-service licensed acute care hospital that has served the lower Mission and South of Market neighborhoods of San Francisco since 1912; and,

WHEREAS, the southeastern neighborhoods served by St. Luke's Hospital have been designated by the federal government as Medically Underserved Areas since 1982; and,

WHEREAS, there is a national health care crisis with a high and growing rate of uninsured citizens, diminishing capacity in primary care, and a broken system of health care financing; and,

WHEREAS, this crisis has threatened the viability of St. Luke's, a venerable institution with a history and mission of serving those in need; and,

WHEREAS, leaders in health, labor, business, government, community, physicians and staff at St. Luke's, through the Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) process has asked that California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC), the largest private health system in San Francisco, continue to support St. Luke's mission, rebuild St. Luke's, and integrate this campus into CPMC's City-wide plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission, through Commissioner Edward Chow's participation and leadership on the Blue Ribbon Panel, has actively supported the community participation and public dialog regarding St. Luke's future;

WHEREAS, the Health Commission also recognizes the power and necessity of public private partnerships so that every San Franciscan has access to quality, affordable healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of CPMC has, in its resolution of September 25, 2008, committed to revitalize St. Luke's as an essential part of health care delivered to South of Market communities, in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and other community providers, and as a component of CPMC's City-wide Long Range Development Plan (LRDP); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission of the City and County of San Francisco expresses its sincere appreciation to members of the Blue Ribbon Panel, members

of the Community Outreach Taskforce, BRP Chair Stephen Shortell, PhD, MPH, BRP Vice-Chair Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, the conveners Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Mitchell Katz, MD, Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and members of the St. Luke's and CPMC medical staffs for working collaboratively to reach a positive outcome for St. Luke's Hospital and all San Franciscans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission endorses the findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the rebuilding of St. Luke's Hospital to serve its community and the integration of St. Luke's as part of the CPMC system and urges the City and County and the CPMC board to work together to implement its findings.

I hereby declare that the San Francisco Health Commission adopted this resolution at its meeting of October 7, 2008.



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Executive Secretary to the Health Commission