

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 20-08

**DETERMINING THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY UNIT
AT CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER DAVIES CAMPUS WILL NOT HAVE A
DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE OF THE
COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) has operated Geriatric Psychiatry Services at Davies Campus since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Geriatric Psychiatry Services provide for locked, involuntary psychiatric care for persons aged 55 and over who have a primary psychiatric diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the unit at Davies is licensed for 20 beds, however over the last ten years the census has generally been 10 patients or fewer per day; and

WHEREAS, CPMC plans to close its Geriatric Psychiatry Unit, effective January 7, 2009; and

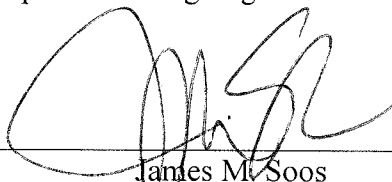
WHEREAS, CPMC said in its letter to the Health Commission that over the past 10 years repeated efforts have been made to retain a medical staff of trained geriatric psychiatrists to direct and provide care for these patients and this has proved extremely difficult; and

WHEREAS, CPMC has stated that after the closure of the unit at Davies Campus elderly patients assessed as needing inpatient psychiatric care will be evaluated for admission to the inpatient psychiatry unit located at the Pacific Campus; in addition the Department of Psychiatry faculty has increased psychiatric consultation liaison services on all campuses; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission, in accordance with the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q) held a public hearing on November 18, 2008, regarding the closure of CPMC's Geriatric Psychiatry Unit at the Davies Campus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the closure of the Geriatric Psychiatry Unit at CPMC/Davies Campus will not have a detrimental impact on the health care service of the community because it decreases the number of specialized inpatient psychiatric beds in San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 18, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.



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Acting Executive Secretary to the Health Commission