



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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To: Honorable David Campos, Supervisor District 9

Cc: The Board of Supervisors

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**Re: Response to Board File Number 100977: Extension of Public Comment for CMPC Environmental Review pending hearing at the Board of Supervisors on July 27, 2010**

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On July 20, 2010 Supervisor Campos introduced a resolution [BF 100977] requesting additional time for public comment on the draft. Specifically, this resolution requests:

"1) that the Planning Commission and/or Planning Department extend the public comment period on the California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to a minimum of 90 days and 2) that the Planning Commission consider conducting a second public hearing so that there is adequate opportunity for thoughtful public and Commissioner comments."

**Background:** California's CEQA statutes establish a range between 30 to 60 days for public comments on Draft EIRs. The Planning Department typically provides 45 days. The Environmental Review Officer receives requests to extend the DEIR review period on some grounds for virtually every DEIR, and extensions to 60 days are occasionally granted by the Planning Commission. The CPMC DEIR review was set at 70 days to accommodate the public's concerns and the Planning Commission's meeting schedule.

**Planning Commission and Department Response:** At its July 22, 2010 meeting, the Planning Commission clearly indicated its preference that the CPMC DEIR comment period be extended to 90 days. Consistent with this preference are the specific unusual circumstances that the CPMC DEIR covers plans for five campuses, therefore, the Planning Department will extend the CPMC DEIR comment period to 90 days. The Commission did not have the full proposed Resolution before them and as a result was not able to consider the request for the Commission to hold two hearings on the DEIR.

While the Planning Department does not yet know the Commission's stance on an additional DEIR hearing for the CMPC proposal, the Department can offer assistance to those who wish to understand more about the DEIR. The Planning Department proposes to prepare a summary guide to understanding the CPMC DEIR to assist in the public's review. In addition, the Planning Department encourages CPMC to utilize the protracted DEIR review period to facilitate a series of public meetings about its proposals. Any comments made at any neighborhood meetings conducted would be informal clarifications and would not be comments that would be addressed in the CPMC Response to Comments document.