

1 [Rebuild of St. Luke’s Hospital]
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3 **Resolution urging the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission**
4 **to evaluate the historic integrity of the 1912 building on the St. Luke’s campus and to**
5 **determine whether or not the 1912 building might be a historic resource under the**
6 **California Environmental Quality Act.**
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8 WHEREAS, St. Luke’s Hospital (“SLH”) is a full-service license acute care hospital that
9 has served the lower Mission and South of Market neighborhoods of San Francisco since
10 1912; and

11 WHEREAS, The southeastern neighborhoods served by SLH have been designated
12 by the federal government as Medically Underserved Areas since 1982; and,

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

16 WHEREAS, The crisis has threatened the viability of SLH, a venerable institution with
17 a history and mission of serving those in need; and,

18 WHEREAS, After the California Pacific Medical Center (“CPMC”) announced in
19 October of 2007 that it planned to close SLH at the end of 2009, Supervisor Alioto-Pier and
20 Public Health Director Mitch Katz created a Blue Ribbon Panel to evaluate strategies to
21 preserve acute care services on the south side of the City; and,

22 WHEREAS, With CPMC’s cooperation, leaders in health care, labor, business,
23 governance, community and non-profits were appointed to the Blue Ribbon Panel with the
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1 goal of developing a plan to preserve St. Luke's as an acute care hospital and to secure
2 access to health care for all San Franciscans no matter where they live; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel completed its' mission and came to consensus on
4 a unanimous recommendation to rebuild a viable acute care hospital at St. Luke's; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations include: rebuilding a new
6 acute care, community hospital on the St. Luke's campus that will be a Center of Excellence
7 in Community Health and will promote care models and community organizations that reduce
8 the need for hospitalization.

9 WHEREAS, Services included should be those of greatest need to the surrounding
10 community based on today's needs: Urgent Care/Emergency/ICU, Medical/Surgical, low
11 intervention Obstetrics and GYN, Pediatrics, a Center of Excellence on Senior Health and
12 skilled nursing; and,

13 WHEREAS, Several options were presented to the Blue Ribbon Panel for the
14 rebuilding of St. Luke's Hospital; and,

15 WHEREAS, Architectural plans for the new St. Luke's were evaluated by the Blue
16 Ribbon Panel based on three core values: (1) maintaining continuity of service, (2) low impact
17 on the residents of the neighborhood, and (3) the "life cycle planning cost" which considers
18 construction time, new care models, technology and flexibility; and,

19 WHEREAS, One of the options considered was the demolition of the 1912 building
20 while preserving the chapel and landmarked tree but was thought to present too many historic
21 preservation concerns; and,

22 WHEREAS, CPMC adopted the Blue Ribbon Panel's preferred site option, as a portion
23 of San Jose Avenue running through the St. Luke's campus, and currently under the
24 ownership and control of the City of San Francisco; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of CPMC has, in its resolution of September 25,
2 2008, committed to revitalize St. Luke's as an essential part of health care delivered to South
3 of Market communities, in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and other
4 community providers, and,

5 WHEREAS, The plans for the preferred site option over San Jose Avenue have
6 presented problems for the residents of the neighborhood surrounding St. Luke's Hospital;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Planning Department and the
9 Historic Preservation Commission to evaluate the historic integrity of the 1912 building on the
10 St. Luke's campus and to determine whether or not the 1912 building might be a historic
11 resource under the California Environmental Quality Act; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Planning Department report back to the Board of
13 Supervisors within 30 days of the passage of this resolution.

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