

1 [Requesting the Planning Commission or Planning Department to Extend the Public Comment
2 Period on the California Pacific Medical Center’s draft Environmental Impact Report to a
3 Minimum of 90 Days and Conduct Two Public Hearings on the Environmental Impact Report]

4 **Resolution requesting that the Planning Commission or Planning Department extend**
5 **the public comment period on the California Pacific Medical Center’s Draft**
6 **Environmental Impact Report to a minimum of 90 days and conduct two public**
7 **hearings on the Environmental Impact Report because of the project’s exceptional size**
8 **and complexity and so the public can conduct a thorough review and offer thoughtful**
9 **input.**

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11 WHEREAS, The California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) has submitted to the
12 Planning Department its Long-Range Development Plan for CPMC’s four existing medical
13 campuses and one proposed new medical campus in San Francisco; and

14 WHEREAS, the four existing campuses are located in neighborhoods throughout San
15 Francisco - California (former Children’s Hospital and Marshall Hale Hospital) in Presidio
16 Heights, Pacific (former Pacific Medical Center) in Pacific Heights, Davies (former Ralph K
17 Davies Hospital) in Duboce Triangle, St. Luke’s Hospital in Bernal Heights; and

18 WHEREAS, CPMC proposes to build a new campus on both sides of Van Ness
19 Avenue at Geary Street in Cathedral Hill; and

20 WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was
21 issued on May 27, 2009 and a public scoping meeting on that EIR on June 9, 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the Planning Department’s office of Major Environmental Analysis will
23 release a multi-volume Draft EIR covering all 5 campuses and other miscellaneous sites on
24 July 21, 2010; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Planning Department will publish the Draft EIR with a 70-day review
2 period on the EIR, a period that will expire on September 29, 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 31.14 (c) of the San Francisco Administrative Code allows an
4 extension of the public comment period for projects of “exceptional size and complexity”; and

5 WHEREAS, the proposed project affects a substantial amount of health care that is
6 delivered in San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, the project analyzed in this EIR affects many neighborhoods in San
8 Francisco, including the Richmond District, Presidio Heights, Pacific Heights, Jordan Park,
9 Polk Gulch, Western Addition, Cathedral Hill, the Civic Center area, the Tenderloin, Duboce
10 Triangle, Buena Vista, Eureka Valley, Noe Valley, the Mission, Bernal Heights and other
11 areas of this City, both residents and small businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, the project also affects employees at the various CPMC campuses; and

13 WHEREAS, a 70-day comment period runs over the summer when many community
14 organizations do not meet, and people have plans with their families for summer vacations;
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16 WHEREAS, given the magnitude and importance of this Draft EIR it is wise to allow
17 thoughtful comments which are more likely if the review period was not so constrained; and

18 WHEREAS, even this Board and the Planning Commission schedule vacations over
19 the next two months; and

20 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is scheduled to conduct its sole hearing on the
21 DEIR on September 23, 2010, shortly following the hearing on the DEIR for the proposed
22 Treasure Island Area Plan and the DEIR for the Housing Element; and

23 WHEREAS, all three of those EIRs are substantial documents with literally thousands
24 of pages of backup documents for the Planning Commissioners and the public to read and
25 analyze for comments; and

1 WHEREAS, a single DEIR hearing may not be adequate to allow informed comment by
2 the public and by Planning Commissioners; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Planning Commission
4 and/or Planning Department extend the public comment period on the CPMC Draft EIR to a
5 minimum period of 90 days; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Planning
7 Commission consider conducting a second public hearing so there is adequate opportunity for
8 thoughtful public and Commissioner comments.

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