

1 [Rebuild of St. Luke’s Hospital - Evaluation of Temporary Hospital Structure]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Pacific Medical Center to evaluate the concept of**
4 **building a temporary hospital while constructing the rebuild of St. Luke’s Hospital.**
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6 WHEREAS, St. Luke’s Hospital (“SLH”) is a full-service license acute care hospital that
7 has served the lower Mission and South of Market neighborhoods of San Francisco since
8 1912; and
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10 WHEREAS, The southeastern neighborhoods served by SLH have been designated
11 by the federal government as Medically Underserved Areas since 1982; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of CPMC has, in its resolution of September 25,
21 2008, committed to revitalize St. Luke's as an essential part of health care delivered to South
22 of Market communities, in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco and other
23 community providers, and,

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

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California Pacific Medical Center
5 to evaluate the concept of building a temporary hospital while constructing the rebuild of St.
6 Luke's Hospital; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That CPMC report back to the Board of Supervisors within 30
8 days of the passage of this resolution.

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