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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: July 21, 2017

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**To:** [Teresa Palmer](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Information pertaining to 7/26/17 meeting on St. Luke's SNF closure-please read prior to meeting.  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:07:12 AM  
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Hi Teresa,

Thank you for your testimony, this will be added to the official file. Looping in the contact for Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, John Carroll.

John – Please add to the official File No. 170773.

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:55 PM

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**Subject:** Information pertaining to 7/26/17 meeting on St. Luke's SNF closure-please read prior to meeting.

Dear Mr. Safai:

I am a geriatric physician who has practiced for 30 years in San Francisco, a long time San Franciscan, and the aging daughter to a mother who recently needed nursing home placement. I am extremely upset that due to CPMC/St. Luke's actions, more skilled nursing home beds are being lost. This is not in the best interest of the people of San Francisco, and I cannot believe a hospital corporation that is supposed to be non profit is getting away with this.

St Lukes SNF/subacute was not supposed to close until 2019 when new hospital was open (even though there are no additional SNF beds at the new hospital). The 80 page study by the DPH :[Post-Acute Care Final Report](#) in 2016 (<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/pac-project/default.asp>) identified many progressively worsening issues from cannot

inadequate SNF services in San Francisco: worse of course especially for the most vulnerable.

I do not believe that ANY progress has been made in the actions recommended in this 2016 study by DPH. I believe DPH has not even met to EVEN BEGIN the process of mitigating the damage that successive closures of hospital based SNFs in San Francisco are and will cause.

The folks who will be most affected are not only the homeless and marginally housed, but any aging person WITHOUT a very high income in San Francisco who becomes unable to care for themselves at home.

Do we really want to exile the aging to out of county facilities because San Francisco cannot take care of them? ?Because we rubber stamped closures of SNFs like this?

Oh, and after St. Luke's closes, if anyone needs a SNF ventilator unit they will have to die in the ICU or leave the county immediately, because St. Luke's subacute unit was the only ventilator unit in county. Sayonara!

Any hospital based SNF closure rolls downhill to freestanding nursing homes, where long term nursing home beds are lost in order to do post hospital rehab. And it rolls downhill to the general public who must wait in crowded emergency rooms. Those who need long term care and cannot get it end up in a nightmarish scenario of cycling in and out of the emergency room/ acute hospital because they cannot maintain themselves in a stable state at home, until they finally die of their infected bedsores or the equivalent.

Sounds kind of medieval doesn't it?

Furthermore, Dr. Chow of the health commission is probably due to repeat his violation of the voter's will in the upcoming proposition Q hearings: in the past he has said, DESPITE THIS LAW, that the health commission does NOT have to rule whether the closing of a facility is detrimental or not. A nice perfection of the rubber stamp for CPMC/Sutter it seems....

CPMC/Sutter has already removed any mention of St. Luke's post acute/SNF/subacute services from the St. Luke's website as if they never existed-in spite of the fact that final closure is not scheduled until October and the proposition Q hearings start August 15. Apparently they can do this with no accountability and it is a fait accompli?

Who will be at your subcommittee meeting who has the authority to answer questions about this? How can CPMC/St. Luke's be stopped from putting profits over people?

Thank you very much,

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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services  
Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 26, 2017

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Safai on June 20, 2017:

**File No. 170773**

**Hearing to discuss the closing of the skilled nursing and sub-acute units in St. Luke's Hospital; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to report.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health  
Coleen Chawla, Department of Public Health  
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- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
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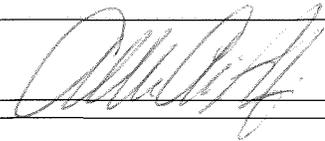
Supervisor Ahsha Safai

**Subject:**

The closing of the skilled nursing and sub-acute units in St. Luke's Hospital.

**The text is listed below or attached:**

Requesting that the Board of Supervisors convene to have a hearing discussing the closing of the skilled nursing and sub-acute units in St. Luke's Hospital.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 

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