Supporting Saint Luke's Hospital]

Supervisor Ammiano, Bierman

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

URGING SUPPORT OF SAINT LUKE'S HOSPITAL'S ANTI-TRUST LAWSUIT AGAINST CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER AND SUTTER HEALTH SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Founded in 1871, Saint Luke's is San Francisco's only independent, community based, and full service hospital with a caring, culturally diverse, and highly qualified staff which serves the South of Market community including indigent, MediCal, low income and Medicare patients; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Saint Luke's annually provides over \$6.5 million in charity to San Franciscans who are in need; and

WHEREAS, The local community is dependent on Saint Luke's to provide vital emergency medical and critical care services; and

WHEREAS, In January 1999, Saint Luke's Hospital filed a lawsuit charging California Pacific Medical Center (CMPC) and its parent, Sutter Health System, with violating the California's anti-trust law; and

WHEREAS, In the lawsuit, Saint Luke's Hospital seeks to invalidate an exclusivity clause in CMPC's contract with Brown and Toland IPA, a physician management group, and recovery of substantial financial damages; and

WHEREAS, The exclusivity clause prohibits doctors from admitting their HMO patients to Saint Luke's Hospital and insisting patients use CPMC, even when doctors and patients specifically request Saint Luke's; and

WHEREAS, Saint Luke's relies on privately insured patients to maintain the mix of payors necessary to maintain an economically viable operation; and

WHEREAS, The exclusivity clause will not only detrimentally impact Saint Luke's economic viability and base, it will also significantly negative effect on South of Market residents and those San Franciscans who are most in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports Saint Luke's Hospital's lawsuit against California Pacific Medical Center and Sutter Health System for violating California's anti-trust law.

## **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**



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## Resolution

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Resolution urging support of Saint Luke's Hospital's anti-trust lawsuit against California Pacific Medical Center and Sutter Health System.

January 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

January 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 7 - Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Yaki, Yee, Ammiano

Absent: 4 - Becerril, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng

January 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on January 25, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.