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Good afternoon,

I attended the 2/8/22 Board of Supervisors Meeting, but unfortunately, due to time constraints, I was unable to submit a public comment at the designated time during the session. Therefore, I would like to submit my comment via email instead:

COMMENT:

My name is Gea and I would like to make a comment in relation to the drug overdoses in the Tenderloin as proclaimed by the mayor declaring the existence of a local emergency. Pharmacist's range of practice has been expanding, such as the ability to give vaccines, furnish nicotine replacement therapy and Narcan. However, the types of services pharmacists can bill for, and therefore provide, are extremely limited. Pharmacists having provider status will allow for the expansion of healthcare access to people in our communities. Giving authority to pharmacists to furnish buprenorphine may help to alleviate the opioid overdoses in San Francisco. If pharmacists are legally allowed to assess medical conditions within our scope of training, prescribe within the moment, and if needed, administer the medication, the healthcare system could efficiently utilize pharmacists' placement within the community to promote preventative health measures and lower the barrier for seeking care. Thank you.

(FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: As a follow up regarding my comment, where would I check to verify that my comment has been read and added to future meeting agenda materials?)

Thank you. Have a good rest of your day!

Best,
Gea