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**Clerk of the Board:** Please file this in the correspondence file for the May 9 Committee of the Whole SFBOS hearing on Laguna Honda Hospital; File number is # 230035

From: Teresa Palmer MD/1845 Hayes St./San Francisco 94117

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Date: May 3, 2023

Dear Supervisors

I urge the SF BOS to go forward with the May 9, 2023 hearing about Laguna Honda even if the state (CDPH) and federal government (CMS) agree to a reprieve from closure and evictions (now set to begin May 19).

There should NEVER be closure, any evictions or ANY bed cuts. Re-admissions must restart as soon as possible and should be open to any San Franciscan who is eligible for nursing home care.

Safe and Local care and housing must be found for those who are able to leave Laguna Honda.

The dire shortage of skilled nursing home beds locally, regionally and statewide-especially for those on Medi-Cal will lead to a catastrophe for present and future residents if Laguna Honda is not saved intact.

All but the fabulously rich will "spend down" to Medi-Cal if they must reside in a nursing home. So Laguna Honda is about all of us, growing older.

San Franciscans needing nursing home beds now are being transferred as far away as the Central Valley and Southern California-to low quality, chain, for profit nursing homes.

Underserved, houseless, and disabled people must get proper treatment and housing in the community to prevent premature nursing home admissions from years of insufficient care.

Please do everything you can to make sure that Laguna Honda is saved intact and has sufficient oversight from the City and County so this terrible episode is never repeated.

Specifically, an independent, Certified Nursing Home Administrator must be found who has not

been a party to the neglect visited upon Laguna Honda by City and County officials who had no clue how to run a nursing home, or what a key part of our safety net this nursing home is for all of us.

Thank you,  
Teresa Palmer M.D.