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## **City and CPMC Team up To Preserve the Future of St. Luke's**

(San Francisco, January 23, 2008) After months of speculation about the future of St. Luke's, Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier and Department of Public Health leader Mitch Katz, M.D., announced that they have reached agreement with California Pacific Medical Center on a process to determine the future of this fragile but vital health care institution.

As many as 20 key leaders in health care, business, community and labor, will participate in a "blue ribbon panel" to develop a viable plan for an acute care hospital and outpatient services at St. Luke's that complements and is supported by the Medical Center's current institutional plan.

"First and foremost, the duty of local government is to keep the public safe," says Alioto-Pier. "I can't think of a more appropriate example than having access to emergency medical care, especially in the more impoverished areas of our community. The creation of this blue ribbon panel could help the city maintain its commitment of public safety to our citizens."

"I have worked closely with Supervisor Alioto-Pier, St. Luke's doctors and nurses, and CPMC leaders in developing this approach, and I am very optimistic about being able to arrive at a solution that meets the needs of the community," says Katz.

It is anticipated that this process will be completed by June, with a report and recommendation published by the panel.

"CPMC has been and will continue to be very committed to St. Luke's and the community it serves," says Martin Brotman, M.D., president and CEO of California Pacific. "We believe that everyone in San Francisco deserves the best possible health care and we are pleased to work with the Department of Public Health and Supervisor Alioto-Pier in helping to secure the future of St. Luke's."

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At San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center, we believe in the power of medicine. We research the most up-to-date treatments, hire the most qualified individuals, and practice the most modern, innovative medicine available. We deliver the highest quality expert care, with kindness and compassion, in acute, post-acute and outpatient services, as well as preventive and complementary medicine. But we also believe that medicine alone is only part of the solution. That's why we look intently at each individual case and treat the whole person, not just the illness. It's why we go beyond medical care and provide our patients with things like disease counseling, family support and wellness treatments. As one of California's largest private, community-based, not-for-profit, teaching medical centers, and a Sutter Health affiliate, we are able to reach deep into our community to provide education, screening and financial support in some of the city's most underserved neighborhoods. Because medicine can transform a body. But going beyond medicine can transform a life. [www.cpmc.org](http://www.cpmc.org)

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