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## **Attorney General Approves Merger of St. Luke's and California Pacific Medical Center**

**San Francisco, CA** (October 4, 2006) – California Attorney General Bill Lockyer has approved the merger of St. Luke's Hospital and California Pacific Medical Center. The agreement ends speculation about the future of the financially threatened hospital as a provider of health care services to the diverse communities in the southeast sector of San Francisco.

Dr. Martin Brotman, President and CEO and CPMC, welcomed the news saying CPMC is committed to preserving the mission of St. Luke's. "We are delighted that Attorney General Lockyer has approved the merger. St. Luke's is justifiably proud of its long history of caring for all, regardless of their means to pay. CPMC is committed to maintaining this legacy and we will do everything we can to help St. Luke's not only continue its great tradition of health care, but also to help it become an innovator, to help it develop exciting, new programs that deliver high quality and affordable health care services to people in their own neighborhood."

For the past five years St. Luke's has been affiliated with Sutter Health. However, despite the infusion of almost \$200 million to support operations and pay for the upgrade of facilities, the hospital has been unable to reverse its financial decline. Connie Mardikian, Chair of the St. Luke's Hospital Board of Directors, says the merger with CPMC gives St. Luke's an opportunity to remain a vital part of the community. "The merger ends a period of great uncertainty for the physicians, nurses and all the staff at St. Luke's, as well as the patients we treat. Now we can look to the future, refocus our mission, and make St. Luke's a place a great place to come to work, and a great place to come for health care."

Mardikian says the merger means that St. Luke's will continue to play a vital role in the health of a community that has traditionally been medically underserved, and that it will remain a dynamic link in the continuum of health care services provided by San Francisco's Sutter Health affiliates.

Turning around an organization that has been struggling for so long will not happen overnight. Robert Tomasello, CPMC Board Chair and Foundation Trustee, says success will depend on a collaborative effort involving CPMC, St. Luke's, the city and the entire community. "What is exciting is that there is a real desire on the part of everyone involved to ensure the future of St. Luke's. Keeping the doors of the hospital open means we can keep offering access to leading-edge medicine while delivering the best possible personalized care."

### **About California Pacific Medical Center**

*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.*

#### **About St. Luke's Hospital**

*St. Luke's Hospital has been providing quality health care services to San Francisco for over 130 years. A full-service 260-bed licensed acute care facility, St. Luke's is community-based and not-for-profit. Services offered at St. Luke's include a family-oriented Birthing Center with private rooms and certified midwife delivery services, diabetes programs, a Health Care Center, Cardiovascular Center, and a 24-hour Emergency Department.*

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