# Memorandum

**DATE**: February 25, 2021

**TO**: Dan Bernal, President, San Francisco Health Commission and

Members of the Health Commission

**THROUGH**: Naveena Bobba, Deputy Director of Health

Sneha Patil, Director, Office of Policy and Planning

**FROM**: Claire Lindsay, Senior Health Program Planner

**RE**: Proposition Q - Sutter Bay Hospitals

In accordance with the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q, 1988), Warren Browner, M.D., CEO of CPMC and Administrator, Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinics, notified the Secretary of the Health Commission, in a letter dated December 9, 2020 and revised December 10, 2020, of Sutter Bay Hospitals' intent to 1) close the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and 2) close the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic (including afterhours services), with the assets of both being donated, in connection with an operating grant of support, to Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC). This memo provides background information regarding these planned closures for the Health Commission's Proposition Q hearings which will take place on March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021.

## Proposition Q

Proposition Q, passed by San Francisco voters in November 1988, requires private hospitals in San Francisco to provide public notice prior to closing a hospital inpatient or outpatient facility, eliminating or reducing the level of services provided, or prior to the leasing, selling or transfer of management. Upon such notice, the Health Commission is required to hold a public hearing during which the hospital shall be afforded an opportunity to present any information relating to its proposed action and to respond to matters raised by any other persons during that hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearings the Health Commission shall make findings based on evidence and testimony from the public hearings and any submitted written material that the proposed action will or will not have a detrimental impact on health care services in the San Francisco community.

# About Sutter Health & Sutter Bay Hospitals

Sutter Health is a not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system operating throughout northern California and Hawaii. In the Bay Area, Sutter Bay Hospitals (Sutter) operates a number of clinics and hospitals, one of which is California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) in San Francisco. The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic are licensed separately from the CPMC hospital license and are currently under the Sutter Bay Hospitals umbrella. These clinics, while under a separate license, are operated by CPMC and located on the CPMC Mission Bernal Campus. Sutter's footprint in San Francisco is briefly described in the section below and will be further detailed as a part of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) analysis of the closures.

#### **About Mission Bernal Adult Clinic**

The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, formerly St. Luke's Health Center Adult Clinic, offers adult primary care and preventive services for teenagers and adults. According to Sutter, the clinic staff have expertise in preventive medicine including the management of chronic conditions such as diabetes, as well as senior health issues, including dementia. The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic is located at 1580 Valencia Street, Suite 506, on the

CPMC Mission-Bernal Campus. The regular hours of the Adult Clinic are 8:45 AM to 5:00 PM, with extended hours from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays.

#### **About Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic**

The Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic, formerly St. Luke's Health Center Pediatric Clinic, offers services for infants and children of all ages. The clinic provides regular check-ups, immunizations, screenings and health assessments. The Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic (including afterhours care) is located at 1580 Valencia Street, Suite 701, on the CPMC Mission-Bernal Campus. The regular hours of the Pediatric clinic are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with extended hours from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

The Pediatric Clinic also includes after hours pediatric care on weekday evenings and weekends for conditions that require immediate medical attention. The Pediatric After-Hours Care is an appointment-based clinic that does not offer drop in care, and their operating hours are 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekday evenings, and 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM Saturday and Sunday.

## **About California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC)**

CPMC is one of the largest private, not-for-profit, academic medical centers in California and part of the larger Sutter Health integrated network of care. CPMC is one hospital with three campuses (Van Ness, Mission-Bernal and Davies), all of which are located in San Francisco.

## About Mission Neighborhood Health Center

Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that was established in 1967 to care for families and individuals, with a focus on the immigrant, Spanish speaking population of the Mission District and surrounding areas. MNHC currently provides full spectrum primary care and preventive services to approximately 13,000 people each year from two clinics in the Mission District and a third clinic in the Excelsior District:

- <u>Mission Neighborhood Health Center (Main Site, Shotwell Clinic)</u> houses the full range of primary care services offered by MNHC including evening clinic hours for family medicine and pediatrics.
- <u>Mission Neighborhood Health Center (Excelsior Clinic)</u> provides primary care services for men, women, teens and children.
- Mission Neighborhood Resource Center (Capp Street) serves homeless residents in the 16th street
  corridor and surrounding Mission neighborhood services include primary medical care, mental
  health services, case management, daytime shelter (meeting basic needs including showers, laundry
  and lockers), shelter sign-up, community events, and employment services. Services are bilingual,
  free of charge and available on a drop-in basis.

# Primary Care in San Francisco

Primary care includes health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, and is delivered in a variety of settings from offices, to clinics, to home care. Timely access to primary care can support overall wellness and assist in the detection and management of chronic diseases, resulting in lower overall health care costs. This section describes the availability of primary care clinics that serve populations comparable to the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinics. It should be noted that many San Franciscans receive primary care through independent physician offices and facilities run by Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) like Kaiser; however, this section focuses on clinics providing services and serving populations similar to Mission Bernal Adult & Pediatric Clinics and MNHC.



FIGURE 1. MAP OF CDPH PRIMARY CARE CLINICS & SFHN PRIMARY CARE CENTERS

## **CDPH Licensed Clinics**

According to the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), in 2019 there were 39 open and licensed primary care clinics in San Francisco, as represented by the blue markers in Figure 1. These 39 primary care clinics are licensed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)<sup>1</sup>. Eighteen of these primary care clinics are Federally Qualified Health Centers<sup>2</sup> (FQHC), including MNHC. All together, these clinics served more than 157,000 patients in 2019, and 23% of these patients were infants, children and adolescents. Of the 157,000 patients, 46% lived below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).<sup>3</sup> The largest share of CDPH primary care clinic patients (37.1%) have Medi-Cal managed care.<sup>4</sup>

## **SFHN Clinics**

The San Francisco Health Network (SFHN), operated by the Department of Public Health, is San Francisco's only complete system of care and provides a wide array of services across its continuum of care. SFHN's direct service providers consist of Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG), which includes the Behavioral Health Center (BHC); Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH); Health at Home (HAH); Jail Health Services; Behavioral

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1204(a) of the California Health and Safety Code defines the licensing requirements for primary care clinics, which includes community clinics and free clinics, operated by nonprofit corporations. Many types of clinics are excluded from state licensing requirements in Section 1204(a), including private clinics and clinics operated by government entities (cities and counties).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Federally Qualified Health Centers are community-based health care providers that provide primary care services in underserved areas or to underserved populations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 2019, Federal Poverty Level for an individual was \$12,490, and a family of four was \$25,750.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, (OSHPD) Primary Care Clinic Annual Utilization Report. Retrieved from: https://data.chhs.ca.gov/dataset/primary-care-clinic-annual-utilization-data

Health Services (BHS), and Primary Care (PC). SFHN clinics are described separately from CDPH licensed clinics because they are operated by the City and therefore exempt from state licensing. SFHN clinics serve low-income, uninsured, and underserved patients. In FY18-19, the SFHN served more than 59,000 patients across their 21 primary care sites. Adult primary care is available at 12 sites, and services for babies, children and adolescents are available at 20 sites. The majority (51%) of FY18-19 primary care patient encounters were patients with Medi-Cal.<sup>5</sup>

In total there are 60 primary care clinics, owned or operated by public health agencies or non-profit organizations, located in San Francisco. These clinics offer a range of primary care services and referrals to communities across San Francisco, including our low-income, vulnerable, uninsured, and underinsured. Many of these clinics also offer culturally competent and linguistically appropriate care for San Francisco's diverse population.

## Closure Plan & Clinic Background

#### **Overview & Timeline**

Sutter Bay Hospitals (Sutter) intends to close the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic (including afterhours care), with the asset being donated to, and in connection with an operating grant of support for five years, to Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC). The purpose of the five-year operating grant is to cover any losses MNHC expects to incur as they ramp up the clinics. Sutter plans to close both clinics on April 1, 2021, and MNHC plans to re-open both clinics the following Monday April 5, 2021. Sutter plans to operate the afterhours and weekend pediatric clinic for the three days during the transition, through April 5. MNHC, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), plans to re-open both clinics in the same locations and provide similar services. Warren Browner, M.D., CEO of CPMC. stated "This transition allows our Mission Bernal hospital campus to focus on our core mission of providing quality acute care to our patients and supports MNHC in expanding their critical footprint through coordinated and culturally competent care." According to Sutter, this partnership and transition will ensure access to primary adult and pediatric care on the Mission Bernal Campus, with a comprehensive medical home that provides seamless access to additional services. Through this transition, CPMC's Mission Bernal Campus will continue to provide hospital services and women's services to their shared patients.

## **Mission Bernal Adult Clinic - Background**

The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, formerly known as the St. Luke's Health Center Adult Clinic, offers adult primary care and health counseling for teenagers and adults. According to Sutter, the clinic staff have expertise in preventive medicine and the management of chronic conditions such as diabetes, as well as senior health issues, including dementia. There are eight employees of the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic.

The following section provides a brief snapshot of the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, the type of care that is provided, and the patient population being served. The data was collected through California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) 2019 Primary Care Clinic Utilization Pivot Tables and confirmed by Sutter. According OSHPD, in 2019 the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic served 2,173 patients resulting in 5,697 patient encounters. Routine visits and evaluation services accounted for the majority of patient encounters (Figure 2.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> San Francisco Department of Public Health, Annual Report 2018-2019. Retrieved from: https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/reports/PolicyProcOfc/Full Report FY1819- Final 2.18.20.pdf

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\* Established Patient - Evaluation & Management

\* New Patient - Evaluation & Management

\* Medicine - Special Services

\* Adult Preventive Medicine

\* Pathology/Lab

FIGURE 2. PRINCIPLE SERVICES, 2019 (N=5,697 ENCOUNTERS)

The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic serves patients from age 15 to over 65. Of the 2,173 patients, approximately 30% (632) of patients were over age 65, 34% (740) of patients were between 45 and 64, 35% (769) of patients were between age 20 and 44, and less than 1% are between 15 and 19 years of age.

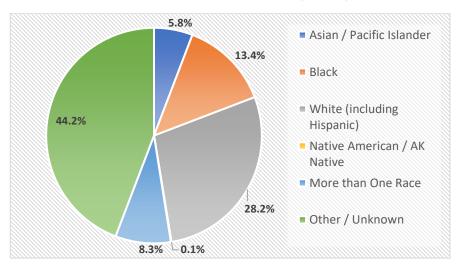


FIGURE 3. PATIENT POPULATION BY RACE, 2019 (N=2,173)

The figure above shows the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic patient population by race. Of the patient population who identify as White, approximately 56% also identify as Hispanic. Unfortunately race information for a large proportion of the clinic's patient population is listed as unknown or other, meaning that the ethnicity information for this population is also unknown.

**Table 1.** shows the patient payor mix for the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic. The largest portion of the clinic's patients have private insurance (37%), followed by public programs Medi-Cal and Medicare. Medi-Cal is California's public health insurance program for low-income Californians. Medi-Cal Managed Care plans have networks of providers, including doctors, pharmacies, clinics, labs, and hospitals. Sutter Health is one of these networks of providers.

Table 1. Payor Mix of Mission Bernal Adult Clinic (2019)

Payor	% of Patients
Medicare	21%
Medicare - Managed Care	6.2%
Medi-Cal	0.8%
Medi-Cal - Managed Care	34.5%
Private Insurance	37%
Covered California	0.4%
Self-Pay / Sliding Fee	0.1%

#### **Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic - Background**

The Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic, formerly known as the St. Luke's Health Center Pediatric Clinic, offers services for infants and children of all ages. The clinic provides regular check-ups, sports physical examinations, immunizations, screenings, health assessments and management of chronic conditions such as eye infections, pulmonary infections, and gastrointestinal conditions. The Pediatric Clinic also includes afterhours pediatric care on weekday evenings and weekends by appointment only for conditions that require immediate medical attention; operating Monday through Friday from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM. There are 17 total staff for the pediatric clinic, five of which are per-diem and only staff the afterhours pediatric care.

The following section provides a brief snapshot of the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic, the type of care that is provided, and the patient population served. Like the data shown above, the information presented below comes from California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) 2019 Primary Care Clinic Utilization Pivot Tables and has been confirmed by Sutter. The data represents care provided and patients served during regular clinic hours, during weekday evenings, and on weekends. According OSHPD, in 2019 the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic served 4,665 patients resulting in 10,943 patient encounters. Almost half of the patients seen (2,284) were through the afterhours pediatric care clinic. The Clinic serves children from infancy through age 19.

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■ Established Patient Evaluation & Management

■ New Patient - Evaluation &
Management

■ Medicine - Special Services

■ Infant, Child and Adolescent
Preventive Medicine

■ Pathology/Lab

FIGURE 4. PRINCIPLE SERVICES, 2019 (N=10,943 ENCOUNTERS)

The figure below shows the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic patient population by race. Similar to the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, Race information for 44% of the Pediatric Clinic population is categorized as other or unknown, meaning that the ethnicity data is also missing for this group of patients. However, for the proportion of the patient population who identified as White, approximately 58% also identify as Hispanic.

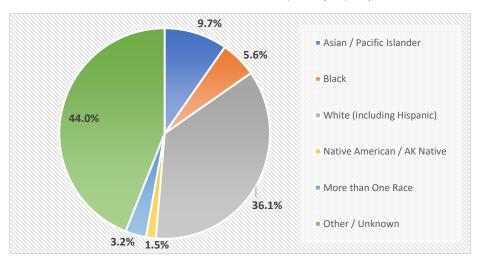


FIGURE 5. PATIENT POPULATION BY RACE, 2019 (N=4,665)

shows the patient payor mix for the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic. The two largest payor categories for the Mission Bernal Pediatric clinic include private insurance (43.8%) and Medi-Cal managed care plans (48.3%).

Payor	% of Patients
Covered California	0.1%
Self-Pay / Sliding Fee	0.1%
Medicare - Managed Care	0.3%
Medi-Cal	7.4%
Private Insurance	43.8%
Medi-Cal - Managed Care	48.3%

Table 2. Payor Mix of Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic (2019)

## Mission Neighborhood Health Center - Background

MNHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that was established in 1967 to care for families and individuals, with a focus on the immigrant, Spanish speaking population of the Mission District and surrounding areas. MNHC currently provides full spectrum primary care and preventive services to approximately 13,000 people each year from two clinics in the Mission District and a third clinic in the Excelsior District. According to MNHC, they offer a breadth of support services, including integrated behavioral health, HIV care, homeless care, nutrition counseling, chronic care management, case management, referral coordination, and health education, that support the health and well-being of the patients and greater community.

MNHC is a member clinic of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium SFCCC, a partnership of 11 non-profit community health centers. Across their three sites, MNHC is currently a medical home for 5,500 patients with Medi-Cal Managed Care health insurance, who access DPH specialists and hospital services at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG) or Laguna Honda Hospital (HLL). As such, MNHC like all SFCCC clinics, is an affiliated partner of the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) which provides specialty, emergency, and inpatient services to a significant number of their patients. With the addition of the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric clinics, MNHC expects to add approximately 2,600 Medi-Cal managed care patients. These patients will be able to access the same specialty, emergency, and hospital services as they currently do at CPMC should they choose to.

In order to assess the potential patient impact that this donation of the two Sutter clinics may have on the patient population and surrounding community, DPH staff looked at the patient population and services currently provided across MNHC's three locations. Much of the data presented below is retrieved from OSPHD's Primary Care Clinic Utilization Pivot Tables.

In 2019, across the three clinic locations, MNHC served nearly 13,000 people. The majority of visits and services currently provided at MNHC's clinics are general evaluation and routine visits. They also provide family planning, dental services, women's health procedures (e.g., pap smears), HIV testing, and children's health services. Optometry services are planned for the Shotwell Clinic in the future. With the transition, existing patients of the Mission Bernal clinic will be able to access these additional services across MNHC sites.

MNHC serves individuals from across the lifespan. Adult primary care services are available at all three clinics, and children's health services are available at the Excelsior District clinic and the Shotwell clinic in the Mission District. Approximately 80% of patients identify as White (including Hispanic), and of the population who identify as White, approximately 85% identify as Hispanic.

Figure 6 shows MNHC's payor mix for all three clinics. Patients with Medi-Cal managed care represent the largest portion of MNHC's patients. As indicated by the 19.6% of patients who received free care, MNHC provides health care services to San Francisco's homeless and undocumented population, many of whom are enrolled in Healthy San Francisco, the City's health access program for those who are not eligible for Medi-Cal or Medicare. Notably different is the private insurance category. Across their three clinics, patients with private insurance account for approximately 2.8% of their patient population compared to nearly 40% for the Sutter clinics. MNHC has stated that they are planning to retain the existing privately insured patients of the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinic and are currently in the process of establishing contracts with these private providers to ensure a seamless transition.

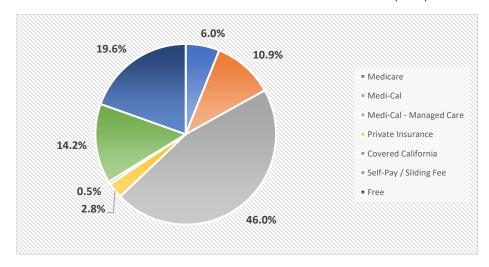


FIGURE 6. MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER - PATIENT COVERAGE (2019)

# Closure Impact on Patients

According to Sutter and Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC), the two organizations have worked closely to ensure a seamless transition for current patients. Sutter intends to close the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinics on Thursday April 1, 2021 and the clinics will be re-opened the following Monday, April 5, 2021 by MNHC in the same location. Sutter also plans to operate the afterhours and weekend pediatric clinic for the three days during the transition, through April 5. MNHC, upon reopening, will continue to offer

primary care services at both clinics and will host afterhours care services at the pediatric clinic. Sutter and MNHC have ensured that existing patients of the clinics who are a part of Sutter's system will be able to maintain CPMC as their hospital, emergency services, and specialty services provider, should they choose to. It is expected that the closure and re-opening by MNHC will not lead to a gap in services nor a reduction in the amount of primary care services available to adults, children and families in San Francisco. MNHC has decades of experience serving the neighboring communities and the population currently served by Sutter Health at the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinics. Based on the information provided by Sutter and Mission Neighborhood Health Center, DPH staff does not expect that this closure will have a detrimental impact the patient population or community.

## Closure Impact on Staff

Sutter Bay Hospitals employs eight people at the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, and employs 17 total staff for the Pediatric Clinic, five of which are per-diem and only staff the afterhours pediatric care. Upon Sutter's notice of intent to donate the Adult Clinic to MNHC, all employees were invited to apply for positions with MNHC to remain at the clinic. Sutter has otherwise stated that they will find similar positions within Sutter Bay Hospitals for employees who do not retain their position with MNHC.

At the time of preparing this memo MNHC is still finalizing hiring, and an update will be provided during the Health Commission hearing on March 2. As of Tuesday, February 23, MNHC has hired all six physicians from the two clinics, the registered nurse who had worked at the clinics, and the clinic supervisor. While they are still in the process of hiring, MNHC has stated that they will be able to support the two clinics by the reopening dates. For employees who decided not to transition to MNHC and preferred to stay at Sutter, some have already transitioned into new positions within Sutter and others will be placed by Sutter's HR department in comparable positions once the clinics have closed.

Based on the plan for employees provided by Sutter and the hiring details provided by MNHC, DPH staff does not expect that this closure will have a detrimental impact on staff of the Mission Bernal Adult and Pediatric Clinic.

## Conclusion

Sutter Bay Hospitals (Sutter) has worked closely with Mission Neighborhood Health Center (MNHC) to ensure a smooth transition for the patients they serve and the surrounding community. In summary, Sutter intends to close their Adult and Pediatric Clinics on April 1, 2021 and donate the assets, in connection to an operating grant of support, to Mission Neighborhood Health Center which will re-open the same clinics, in the same location, the following Monday April 5, 2021. First, the closure and re-opening plans take place over a very short period of time, which minimizes any potential patient impact due to lack of facility and primary care access. Sutter and MNHC have minimized the impact for existing patients by ensuring that they may continue to seek their primary care services in the same location. Finally, Sutter has provided opportunities to retain staff and has provided MNHC with an operating grant of support for five years, ensuring that all losses incurred are covered while MNHC ramps up the clinics. MNHC is a well-respected provider, close partner of SFHN, and a key part of the San Francisco health care community. Based on the plans and information provided by Sutter and MNHC, DPH staff recommend that the closure of Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic will not have a detrimental impact on the community.

# HEALTH COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

DETERMINING THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE MISSION BERNAL ADULT AND MISSION BERNAL PEDIATRIC CLINICS <u>WILL/WILL NOT</u> HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Sutter Health is a not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system operating throughout northern California and Hawaii, and in the Bay Area, Sutter Bay Hospitals operates a number of clinics and hospitals, one of which is California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic are operated by CPMC and located on the CPMC Mission Bernal Campus; and

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2020, Sutter Bay Hospitals notified the Health Commission of its proposal to 1) close the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and 2) close the Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic (including afterhours pediatric services), effective April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, To be in compliance with the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q), private hospitals in San Francisco are required to notify the Health Commission 90 days prior to service reductions or lease, sales or transfers of management; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Bernal Adult Clinic, formerly known as the St. Luke's Health Center Adult Clinic, offers adult primary care and health counseling for teenagers and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic, formerly known as the St. Luke's Health Center Pediatric Clinic, offers primary care services for infants and children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, The Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic also provides after hours pediatric care on weekday evenings and weekends for conditions that require immediate medical attention; and

WHEREAS, Primary care includes health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, and is delivered in a variety of settings from offices, to clinics, to home care; and

WHEREAS, Timely access to primary care can support overall wellness and assist in the detection and management of chronic diseases, resulting in lower overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Sutter Bay Hospitals intends to close both clinics and donate the assets, in connection with an operating grant of support for five years, to Mission Neighborhood Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Mission Neighborhood Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that was established in 1967 to care for families and individuals, with a focus on the immigrant, Spanish speaking population of the Mission District and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides full spectrum primary care and preventive services to approximately 13,000 people each year from two clinics in the Mission District and a third clinic in the Excelsior District; and

WHEREAS, Mission Neighborhood Health Center is a well-respected provider, close partner of the Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Health Network, and a key part of the San Francisco health care community; and

WHEREAS, Mission Neighborhood Health Center intends to reopen both the adult clinic and pediatric clinic on April 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mission Neighborhood Health Center intends to maintain the same level of primary care services including afterhours services at the pediatric clinic; and

WHEREAS, All employees of the Adult Clinic and Pediatric Clinic were invited to apply for positions with Mission Neighborhood Health Center to remain at the clinic; and

WHEREAS, Sutter has otherwise stated that they will find similar positions within Sutter Bay Hospitals for employees who do not retain their position with Mission Neighborhood Health Center; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Proposition Q, the San Francisco Health Commission held public hearings on March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That with the closure of the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinics and donation to Mission Neighborhood Health Center, the availability of primary care services and afterhours pediatric care in San Francisco will not be reduced; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Sutter Bay Hospitals and Mission Neighborhood Health Center have worked closely together to ensure that existing patients of the clinic will be able to continue to receive care at the clinics; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Sutter Bay Hospitals has minimized staff impact and avoided layoffs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, The closure of the Mission Bernal Adult Clinic and Mission Bernal Pediatric Clinic <u>will/will not</u> have a detrimental impact on the health care services in the community; and

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 16, 2021 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission