



# Proposition Q

## Closure of CPMC Mission Bernal Campus Labor and Delivery Services

Presentation to the San Francisco Health Commission

*-- October 15, 2024 --*



# Prop Q – Overview & Application

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- Proposition Q (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.
- The Role of the Health Commission
  - whether the proposed action **will or will not have a detrimental impact** on health care services in the San Francisco community.
  - The Health Commission **does not** have the authority to change the outcome of the proposed action.



# Introduction & Timeline

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California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) notified the City of the **permanent closure of labor and delivery services** at CPMC's Mission Bernal Campus (MBC).

## Timeline

- **March 2020**: Labor and Delivery at MBC temporarily closed due to COVID-19 surge planning
- **May 2023**: CPMC reported that they plan to restore labor and delivery services at MBC
- **April 2024**: CPMC notified the City of the permanent closure of labor and delivery services at MBC; 6-months in advance as required by DA

# CPMC Mission Bernal Campus Labor & Delivery

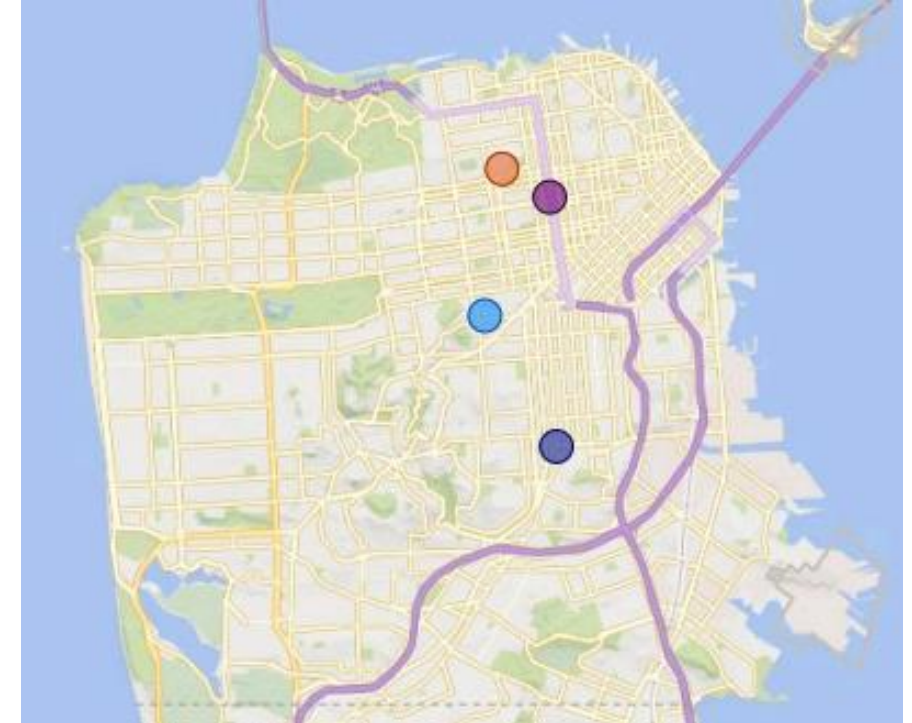
Mission Bernal Campus (MBC) is one of two CPMC campuses licensed for labor and delivery.

## MBC Labor and Delivery Unit Services

- Services to pregnant people prior to delivery, during childbirth, and postpartum
- Antepartum Testing
- Obstetric (OB) Triage

MBC labor and delivery unit services have been consolidated at CPMC's Van Ness Campus.

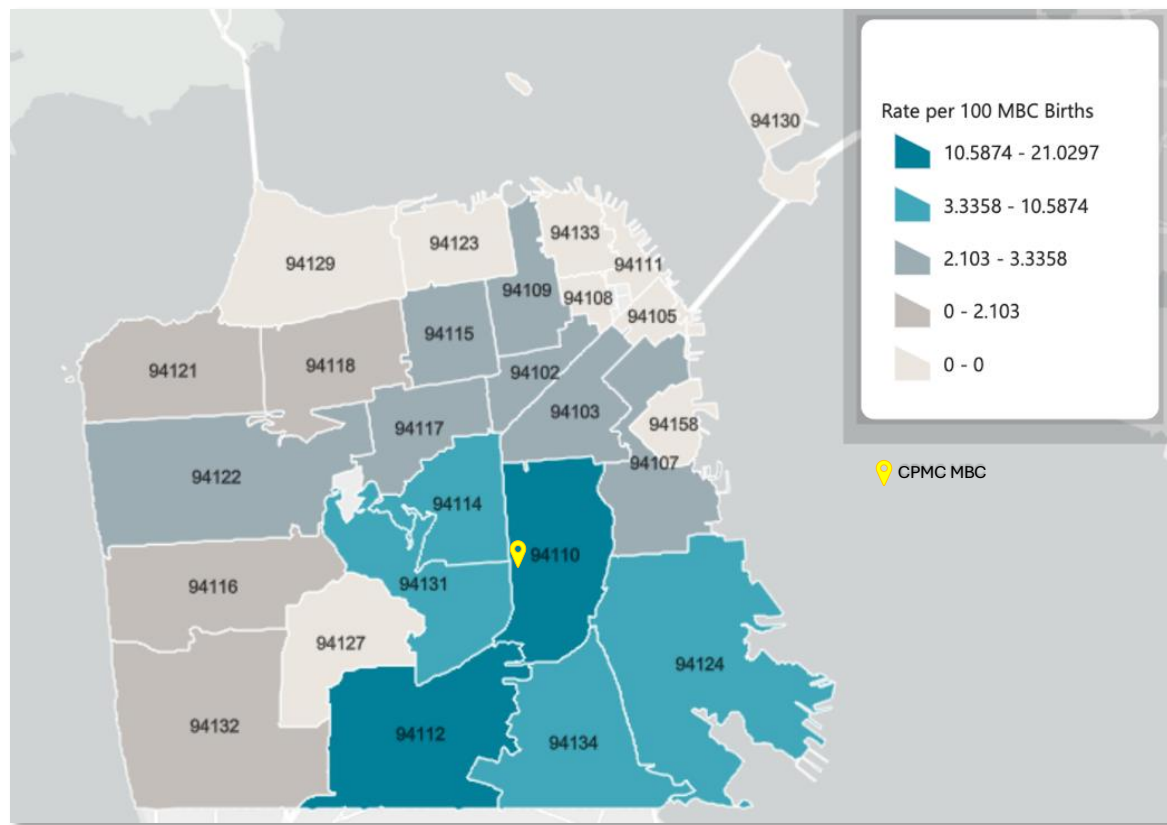
- Emergency and outpatient obstetric services will not change.



● Davies Campus ● Mission Bernal Campus  
● Pacific Heights Outpatient Ca... ● Van Ness Campus

# Population Served by MBC Labor & Delivery

In 2019 – MBC represented 7% of total births across San Francisco hospitals.



Data Source: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vital Record Business Information System (VRBIS). VRBIS data include one birth certificate record for each and every baby born in California. Data were analyzed by the San Francisco (SF) Department of Public Health Maternal Child & Adolescent Health Epidemiology Section.

## Highlights

- A greater proportion of MBC labor and delivery patients identified as Latine/x, Black African American and Multiethnic (compared to the patient populations of an average across SF hospitals)
- Patients with public insurance (including Medi-Cal) represented almost half of all MBC labor and delivery patients.
- More than 60% of MBC labor and delivery patients were residents of 94110, 94112, 94124, 94134, and 94131.

*\*Data includes patients who were SF residents only.*

# Labor & Delivery Unit Quality of Care

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- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Quality Indicators**
  - Cesarean Delivery Rate
  - Primary Cesarean Delivery Rate
  - Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) Delivery Rate



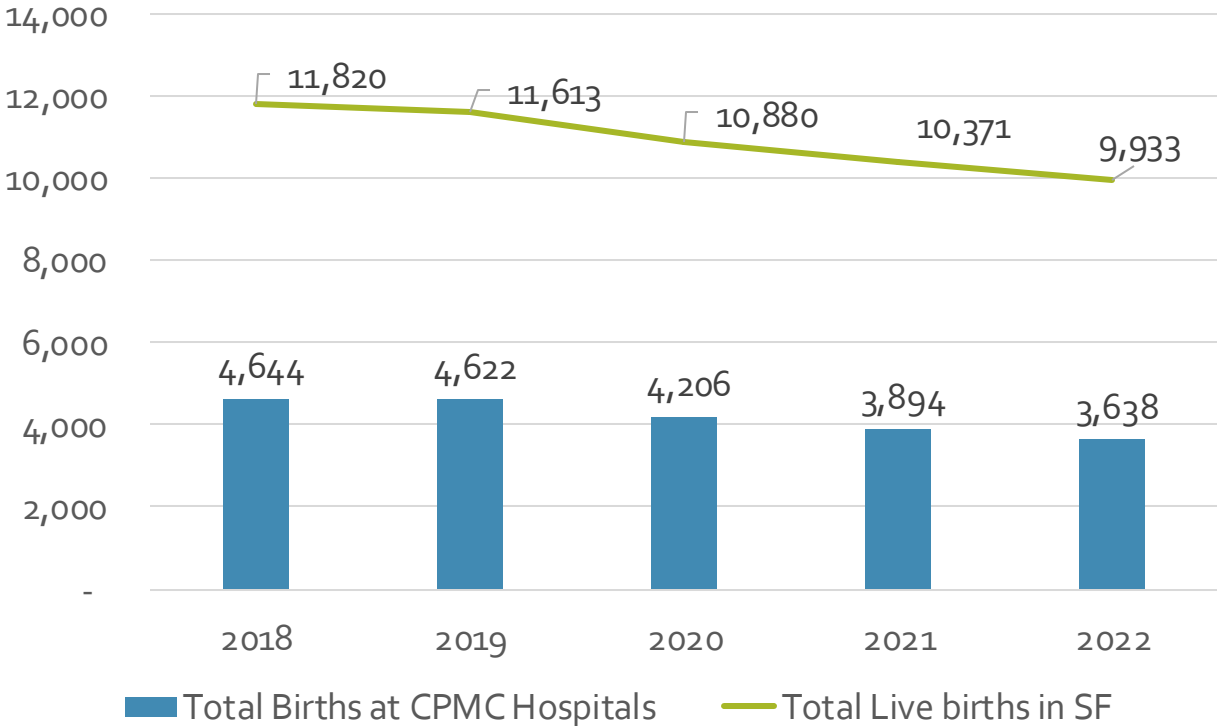
- **California Newborn Screening Program - Hospital Initiated Breastfeeding**
  - Exclusive Breastfeeding
  - Any Breastfeeding (human milk + formula)



# Birth Trends

- **Decline in Births:** Over the last ten years, San Francisco has seen a decline in annual births of approximately 17%, and a decline of 16% over the last five years.

### Births at CPMC Hospitals & Citywide Births



Data Source: Department of Health Care Access and Information, (HCAI) Hospital Annual Utilization Reports, 2013-22



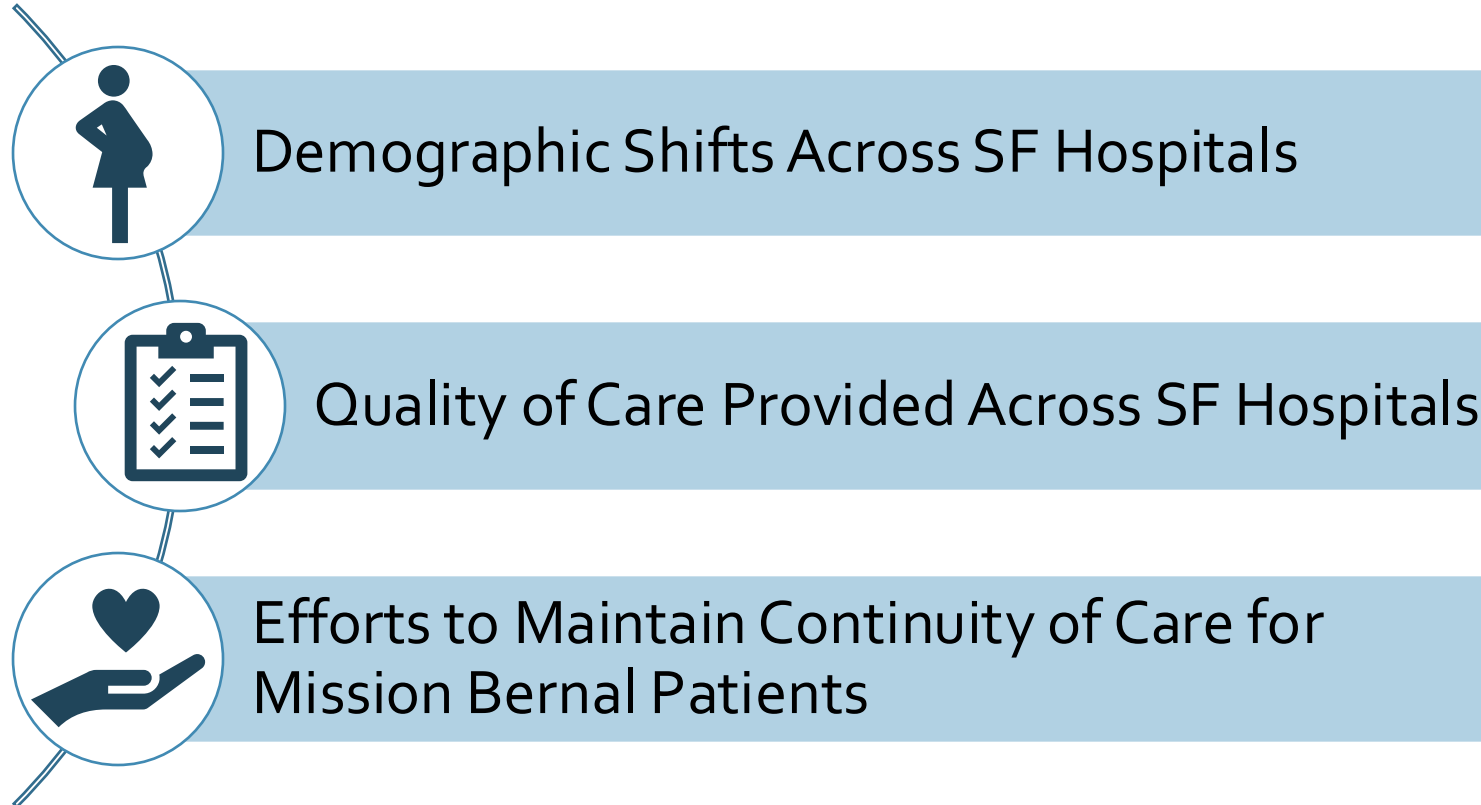


# MBC Labor & Delivery Closure

## *Patient Impact*

Patients who may have delivered at MBC have likely been accommodated at other San Francisco hospitals, largely at CPMC's VNC and ZSFG.

### Patient Impact





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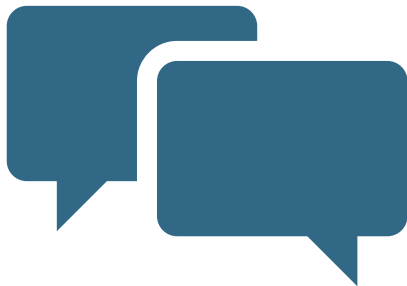
## *Staff Impact*

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- According to CPMC, all staff impacted by the closure of labor and delivery at MBC were accommodated with jobs at CPMC.

- Labor and delivery unit is based on volume, ratios, and community standards.



- Staff language capacity
  - Seven of nine midwives and two of five obstetricians are bilingual in Spanish and English (delivered at MBC prior to VNC).
  - Interpreter services available to patients.

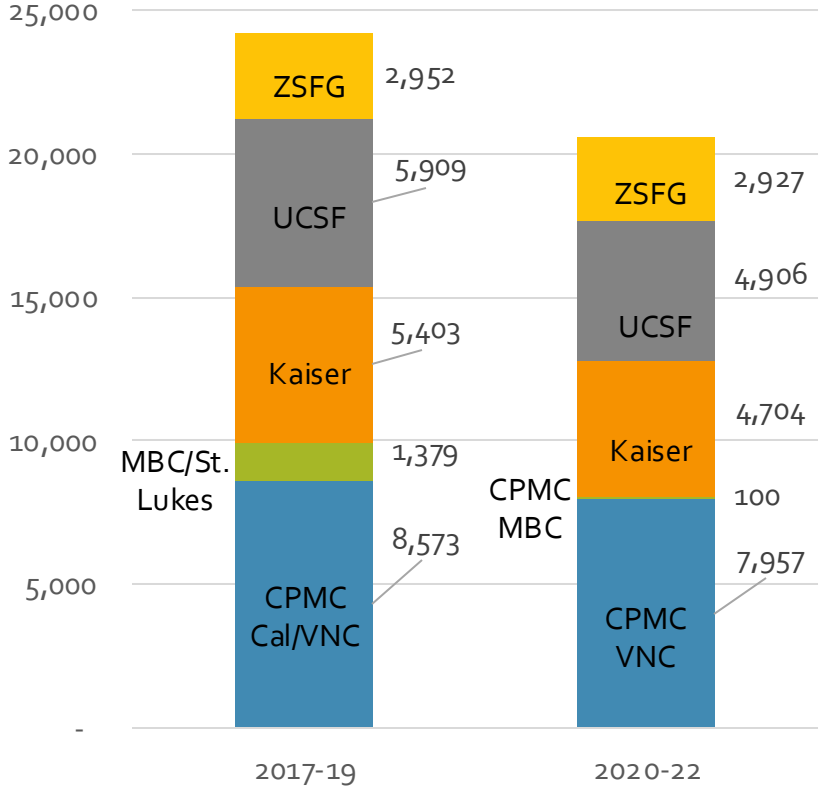


# MBC Labor & Delivery Closure

## Impact to Labor and Delivery Hospitals Across San Francisco

- There are currently four facilities (including CPMC VNC) that provide labor and delivery services in San Francisco.
  - Between 2020 – 22 VNC has averaged approximately 3,800 births, below its annual volume capacity.
- Since the closure of MBC, a greater proportion of births have taken place at CPMC VNC and ZSFG, compared to other San Francisco hospitals.
  - **Births overall have continued to decrease**

### Births to San Francisco Residents, by Hospital



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# Prop Q – Conclusion

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The Department recommends that the Health Commission finds that the permanent closure of labor and delivery at CPMC MBC will not have a detrimental impact on health care services in San Francisco provided CPMC take the following actions to ensure access to services:

- CPMC MBC played a critical role in the City's safety net system. **CPMC VNC should continue filling this role by providing access to care for the City's Medi-Cal population.**
- **Maintain or expand services at the Mission Bernal Women's Clinic**, which continues to be a critical health care asset at MBC and for the neighboring communities. CPMC has indicated they plan to expand women's care services - opportunities for patient and community input should be provided to inform this service expansion.
- **Clearly communicate transportation options to patients of the Mission Bernal Women's Clinic who will now deliver at CPMC VNC.**
- **Directly assess patient satisfaction among patients of the Mission Bernal Women's Clinic who will receive labor and delivery services at VNC.**



# Thank you