

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 21-4**

DETERMINING THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE MISSION BERNAL ADULT AND MISSION BERNAL PEDIATRIC CLINICS WILL NOT 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, Sutter Bay Hospitals and Mission Neighborhood Health Center have both affirmed that the five-year grant will ensure adequate bridge funding for a successful transition; and

WHEREAS, Sutter Bay Hospitals has affirmed that, if requested by Mission Neighborhood Health Center, it is willing to continue the lease in its current location to Mission Neighborhood Health Center after five years; 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 and quality 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 will not have a detrimental impact on the health care services in the community, under the terms set forth in the financial plan between Sutter and Mission Neighborhood Health Center; 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