



TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH
California

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Mr. James Conforti
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
Sutter Health
2200 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Mr. Conforti:

I am writing on behalf of the Hillsborough City Council regarding the permanent closure of the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center Therapeutic Pool. From what I understand, this wheelchair-accessible warm pool is the only pool in San Mateo County specifically designed for therapeutic use by seniors, people with chronic pain or disabilities, patients recovering from surgery, and others who find the warm water healing.

The pool's closure at the start of the pandemic was necessary given the shelter-in-place orders then in effect. Its permanent closure is devastating for all those who rely on the pool to help them manage their pain and remain mobile.

I urge you to meet with the pool users advocacy group to explore possible solutions to keep the pool open. They have identified potential private donors to help defray the costs associated with reopening the pool, and they would like to share their ideas with you. Please give them that opportunity.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alvin L. Royse
Mayor

cc: Hillsborough City Council
Sutter Health Board of Directors
Janet Wagner, CEO, Sutter Health Mills-Peninsula Medical Center
Lindsay Raike, President and CEO, Warm Water Wellness Inc.
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