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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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

Dear Mr. Conforti,

I am writing to inform you that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution Feb. 22, 2022 urging Sutter Health to reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center therapy pool in San Mateo.

The pool is vital to the health of hundreds, if not thousands of people in our community. By deciding to permanently close the only warm water rehabilitation pool in the Peninsula area, Sutter Health has added to the pain and suffering of its patients and placed people's lives in jeopardy.

As President of the Board of Supervisors in 2021, I sent a letter to Mills-Peninsula Health Center CEO Janet Wagner Dec. 14, 2021 requesting she meet with county staff and other stakeholders to discuss how to keep the pool open, but Ms. Wagner never responded which is why I'm writing you today.

Mr. Conforti, I am urging you to please take advantage of the Peninsula Health Care District's generous offer to pay for all necessary repairs and remodeling plus operational costs to reopen the Mickelson therapy pool.

Sutter's reputation and integrity are at stake. Please reverse this decision and reopen the Mickelson therapy pool for the well-being of the people who built it, have long depended upon it, and all those who will depend upon it in the future, including those with severe disabilities.

Feel free to call my office at (415) 363-4572 to discuss this issue further.

In friendship,

**DAVID J. CANEPA**  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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