

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY URGING SUTTER HEALTH TO REOPEN THE MACK E. MICKELSON THERAPY POOL IN SAN MATEO FOR PUBLIC USE

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool is an ADA-accessible warm water therapy pool operated by Sutter Health and located at the Mills Health Center in San Mateo, California; and

WHEREAS, the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool was constructed over 25 years ago using charitable contributions from San Mateo County residents as a centerpiece of an arthritis center created by Mills Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool provided both preventative and interventionist therapies to San Mateo County residents suffering from a broad range of health issues; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for the therapy pool due to San Mateo County's rapidly increasing number of elderly residents who are highly likely to suffer from health issues requiring a warm water therapy pool; and

WHEREAS, there is no comparable warm water therapy pool in San Mateo County that can adequately accommodate the residents who relied on the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool for relief from acute and chronic physical pain; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, Sutter Health announced it would permanently close the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool to independent use by patrons despite the therapy pool serving as a valuable healthcare resource; and

WHEREAS, as of June 7, 2022, nearly 4,700 patients, caregivers, and community members have signed a petition to reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy pool for public use; and

WHEREAS, reopening the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool for community use with the same open access hours it had prior to January 2020 would improve the health and quality of life of San Mateo County residents who relied on the therapy pool to maintain their health, independence, and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City does hereby urge Sutter Health to reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Therapy Pool in San Mateo for public use.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at the regular meeting held on the 20th day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hindi, Sullivan, and Mayor Awasthi

NOES: Councilmember Froomin

ABSENT: Councilmember Gehani

ABSTAIN: None

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*Richa Awasthi*

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ATTEST:

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*Priscilla Schaus*

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PRISCILLA SCHAUS, CITY CLERK