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Ms. Janet Wagner
Chief Executive Officer
Mills-Peninsula Health Center
1501 Trousdale Drive
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Dear Ms. Wagner:

I am writing on behalf of the Burlingame 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.

My colleagues and 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,

Ann O'Brien Keighran
Mayor