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

Dear Mr. Conforti,

On behalf of the San Carlos City Council, I am writing to urge Sutter Health to reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center Therapy Pool. If this is not feasible, I strongly implore you to consider the Peninsula Health Care District's offer to pay all costs to repair, reopen, and manage the pool.

Built using charitable contributions from residents of San Mateo County over 25 years ago, this is the only facility of its kind in San Mateo County.

Closing the Mickelson Therapy Pool removes a valuable healthcare resource for people in San Mateo County who suffer from health issues related to permanent disabilities, debilitating injuries, autoimmune disorders, and mobility impairments.

The City of San Carlos stands with Speaker Pro Tempore Kevin Mullin, Senator Josh Becker, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the Sequoia Healthcare District, and 4,300+ patients, caregivers, and community members who have written letters or signed a petition urging Sutter Health to reopen Mickelson Pool in order to increase the health, independence, and dignity of residents who rely upon it.

On behalf of the City Council of San Carlos, I respectfully urge you to promptly reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center therapy pool for community use with the same open access hours that it had prior to January of 2020 or consider the Peninsula Health Care District's offer to pay all costs to repair, reopen, and manage the pool.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara McDowell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sara McDowell, Mayor

cc: Sutter Health Board of Directors  
Janet Wagner, CEO, Sutter Health Mills-Peninsula Medical Center  
Peninsula Health Care District Board of Directors  
Lindsay Raika, CEO, Warm Water Wellness Inc.