

December 16, 2021

Sutter Health
Attention: Sarah Krevans, CEO
2200 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833

Dear Ms. Krevans,


This is a letter of support for repairing and reopening the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Therapeutic Pool at Mills Health Center when conditions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic improve.

I am Chairperson of the City of San Mateo Senior Citizen Commission. The commission is appointed by the San Mateo City Council with a mission to encourage the well-being of older adults in the San Mateo community. As such, we recognize the positive impact that the Mickelson Pool has had on the lives of senior and disabled populations. Pool users have spoken at several Senior Citizens Commission meetings' public comment time.

Through public comment we learned the therapeutic warm water pool is beneficial for physical as well as mental health and that other warm water pools in the Bay Area may be fine for a few pool users, however all are inadequate and problematic for many pool users. For you to understand how vital and unique the Mickelson Pool is, may I suggest meeting with a representative group of pool users who are eager to meet with you.

I respectfully ask that when conditions improve and resources become available that priority be given to repairing and reopening Mickelson Pool and restoring therapeutic aquatic programs.

Sincerely,



Ellen R. Wang

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Copies to:

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