

Introduction to Community Outreach Task Force
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I would like to welcome you and thank you for participation in The Community Outreach component of this Blue Ribbon Process. The goal of the process is to develop a viable plan for acute care hospital and outpatient services at CPMC's St. Luke's campus which complements and is supported by CPMC's current institutional plan for its other campuses.

This process is a public-private planning process that is looking at the health care needs of San Francisco as a whole, and determining what role is most appropriate for CPMC. The process is composed of a Blue Ribbon Panel as well as a Community Outreach Task Force, designed to bring forth the voice of the community as a central component of the dialogue and deliberations. As members of the Community Outreach Task Force, you play a critical role in the outcome of this process.

We are delighted that Stephen Shortell, Dean and professor at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health has agreed to chair the Blue Ribbon Panel, while the Rt Rev Marc Andrus, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California will act as Vice Chair. Dr Mitch Katz, Director of the Department of Public Health, has partnered with us in this process and is a prominent member of the panel as well. The panel will also include health care policy leaders, business leaders and labor unions (SEIU and CNA have been invited). The role of the panel will be to recommend how to accomplish the aforementioned goal. The role of this Task Force is to bring the voice of the community to the panel, to inform the panel and to guide the panel regarding how best to meet the needs of the community, as defined by the community. This is a critical element of a successful outcome.

Again, I wish to thank you for your generosity and commitment to improving the health care of all San Franciscans. As the leader of a community based organization, whose mission is to serve the community, I recognize the immense value you, as community leaders, bring to this process. We appreciate your support.