

CITY OF SAN MATEO
RESOLUTION NO. ____ (2022)

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REOPENING THE MACK E. MICKELSON ARTHRITIS AND REHABILITATION CENTER
THERAPY POOL FOR COMMUNITY USE AT THE MILLS HEALTH CENTER IN SAN MATEO**

WHEREAS, the Mack E Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center Therapy Pool is an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible warm water therapy pool operated by Sutter Health and located at the Mills Health Center in San Mateo, California ; and

WHEREAS, the Mickelson Therapy Pool was constructed over 25 years ago using charitable contributions from residents of San Mateo County to serve as the centerpiece of an arthritis and rehabilitation center by Mills Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years the Mickelson Therapy Pool has been used by thousands of children and adults of San Mateo County who suffer from a broad range of health issues, including permanent disabilities, debilitating injuries, autoimmune disorders and as well as those requiring rehabilitation from surgeries, strokes and other mobility impairments, such as arthritis; and

WHEREAS, the Mickelson Therapy Pool is the only pool of its kind in San Mateo County, providing full access for the disabled and maintaining a water temperature that can adequately support the needs of those suffering from acute and chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo has been designated an Age Friendly City by AARP and the World Health Organization and strives to provide the resources and services necessary to allow older adults to remain vibrant and independent in the community; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the critical need for the facility, Sutter Health announced in June 2021 that it was permanently closing the Mickelson Therapy Pool to independent use, removing a valuable healthcare facility for people needing this resource; and

WHEREAS, the community has shared with Sutter Health its overwhelming support to re-open the Mickelson Therapy Pool and restore the services this facility provides to those suffering from a broad range of health issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY RESOLVES to call upon Sutter Health to promptly reopen the Mack E. Mickelson Arthritis and Rehabilitation Center Therapy Pool for those community members who have historically relied upon and benefited from the warm water therapy it provided so that they may continue to live healthy, vibrant and independent lives.