

San Francisco General Hospital's mission is to serve San Francisco Residents.

Would the planned Helipad improve healthcare access for San Francisco Residents?

- It is likely that this helipad **WILL NOT** pick up patients in San Francisco, as medical helicopters are not based in San Francisco, but are dispatched from Concord, Santa Rosa, and Stanford Medical Center.
- SF General is the only **PUBLIC** city and county hospital in San Francisco whose mission it is to serve poor and un-insured residents of San Francisco.
- Mitch Katz, M.D., head of the SF Health Dept. has said that 100% of the time SFGH's acute care beds are full and often over capacity.
- Unprecedented increases in gunshot wounds – from 110 in 2003 to 228 in 2006 – adds substantially to the physician workload and predominantly involves people, who are poor and without resources, according to SFGH's trauma recovery center.
- **WORSENING DIVERSIONS** for San Francisco residents - San Francisco cannot support adding 3 flights per day (1100 patients annually) when it cannot handle the current load.
- Diversion of patients will increase – in recent years according to SF General's own statistics between 19% - 31% of the time, the hospital was "on diversion", meaning that ambulances are told that they cannot transport patients to SFGH.

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL MISSION STATEMENT *

The Mission of San Francisco General Hospital is to deliver humanistic, cost effective, and culturally competent health services to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco by:

- Providing **ACCESS** for all residents by eliminating financial, linguistic, physical, and operation barriers;
- Providing **QUALITY** services that treat illness, promoting and sustaining wellness, and preventing the spread of disease, injury and disability;
- Participating in and supporting training and research;
- The **COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** in healthcare needs

VISION STATEMENT

"To be the Best Public Hospital in the Country."

* text from <http://www.dph.sf.ca.us/chn/SFGH/default.asp>

The helipad would **DECREASE SERVICES** for San Francisco Residents.

There is **NO NEED** for the San Francisco General Hospital Helipad.



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