Health Commission  
City and County of San Francisco  
Resolution No. 15-11

Resolution in Support of Naming the General Medicine Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital the Richard H. Fine People’s Clinic

WHEREAS, The Outpatient Department "officially" opened at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) in 1969 staffed by University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) physician faculty who teach medical students and residents; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Dr. Richard H. Fine founded the General Medicine Clinic (GMC) and as one of founders, leaders, and physicians of the GMC at SFGH, Dr. Fine played a visionary role in offering primary care to underserved patients throughout the City & County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fine strengthened primary care services at the GMC by centralizing community health, medical services, counseling and support, health promotion, and continuity of care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fine has always been an early responder to crises of health for marginalized patient groups; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Dr. Fine co-founded the inpatient jail unit, to improve healthcare for institutionalized people with behavioral and physical health problems; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Dr. Fine founded the Occupational Health Clinic to provide an integrated spectrum of cost-effective services to employees of the City and County of San Francisco through an efficient organized delivery system; and

WHEREAS, From 1989-1990, Dr. Fine served as Chief of the Medical Staff at SFGH; and

WHEREAS, Naming the SFGH General Medicine Clinic after Dr. Fine will not only honor his history of activism and dedication to vulnerable patients, but also the activism and dedication of many of the healthcare workers with whom he collaborated on the many initiatives that he led;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Health Commission designates the General Medicine Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital as the “Richard H. Fine People’s Clinic.”
I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of August 4, 2015 adopted the foregoing resolution.

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Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary