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**MINUTES
HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday April 21, 2020 4:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams Live Event**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Dan Bernal President
Commissioner Edward A. Chow M.D.
Commissioner Cecilia Chung
Commissioner Suzanne Giraudo, Ph.D
Commissioner Laurie Green, MD
Commissioner Tessie Guillermo

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

2) UNFINISHED BUSINESS-MOTION TO DISCLOSE OR NOT DISCLOSE ANY DISCUSSION HELD IN CLOSED SESSION ON MARCH 24, 2020.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously voted to not disclose discussions that took place in the March 24, 2020 closed session.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2020

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the Health Commission March 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grant Colfax, Director of Health, gave the report, which can be viewed at:
<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

COVID-19 Updates

As the City continues to address the coronavirus pandemic together, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to follow the latest science, data and facts. Our top priorities are:

- reducing the spread of the virus in the community,
- protecting vulnerable populations, health care workers and first responders,
- preparing our system for a surge of hospital patients and
- expanding testing capabilities.

On [April 17](#), Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that everyone in San Francisco will be required to wear face coverings when they are outside of their homes for essential needs, including waiting in line for or inside of a grocery store or on public transportation. Additionally, transportation workers and other employees who interact with the public must also cover their face while doing essential work.

This complements the [stay-at-home order](#) requiring residents shelter in place, with the only exception for essential needs, which was extended through May 3, 2020 in order to slow the spread of coronavirus and preserve critical hospital capacity. The stay-at-home order is a complement to the indefinite statewide stay-at-home order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom earlier this month.

ONLINE DATA TRACKER

On [April 20](#), Mayor Breed and Director of Health Dr. Colfax released [a new map](#) that displays confirmed cases of coronavirus in San Francisco by zip code. In addition to [the data](#) about confirmed cases, testing, and hospitalization across the San Francisco health care system, the new map shows that the populations and locations in the City that are most affected by health disparities, income inequality, and structural racism are also the most affected by the pandemic to date. This data demonstrates the importance of the City's ongoing focus on equity and efforts to support vulnerable populations during the coronavirus response.

San Francisco has prioritized vulnerable populations in its coronavirus response, including those over 60, with underlying health conditions, people experiencing homelessness and those living in congregate settings. The City has been working with community leaders and supporting outreach to community in multiple ways. This includes providing in-language support in Spanish, Chinese and more languages in key intervention areas, including the contact tracing program, and all public materials about the Stay at Home Order, face coverings, and other ways that people can protect themselves.

The map reflects only the people who have tested positive in a given zip code, and is not a complete picture of the whole population. It includes a case count and rate of cases for each location, based on the data collected to date. It does not show the overall prevalence or the total numbers of cases of coronavirus in the neighborhoods, since most people have not been tested.

CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM

On [April 15](#), Mayor Breed and Director of Health Dr. Colfax announced an innovative new program to identify Bay Area residents who have been exposed to coronavirus, and give them access to the testing and resources needed to keep themselves and their communities safe. The new contact tracing program will use technology to dramatically expand San Francisco's ability to find and connect with individuals who may be close contacts of a person with a confirmed case of coronavirus. This capability will strengthen the City's response to the pandemic, by allowing for swifter communication, better data tracking, and stronger interventions to reduce further spread. The program is a partnership between the City of San Francisco, DPH, UCSF, and DIMAGI, a software company that has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to digitize a workflow to support contact tracing and monitoring of people who are potentially infected with COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

A demonstration of the contact tracing program can be found [here](#).

LAB TESTING

Commercial and clinical laboratory COVID-19 testing options are currently available to the public upon clinician referral.

The City and the DPH Public Health Laboratory continue to prioritize limited COVID-19 testing resources for hospitalized patients; vulnerable, at-risk populations; and front line first responders and health care workers providing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On [April 6](#), the City, in partnership with two Bay Area companies — Color and Carbon Health — opened CityTestSF Embarcadero, a site with drive-thru facilities for health care workers and first responders. On [April 15](#), Mayor Breed and Director of Health Dr. Colfax announced CityTestSF SOMA, another site with drive-thru facilities for the general public, which is scheduled to open this week. These sites offer testing to individuals who exhibit signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Expanding San Francisco's testing capacity is critical to slowing the spread of the virus. CityTestSF is part of San Francisco's ongoing commitment to rapidly increase its testing capacity while pursuing strategic partnerships, including leveraging the expertise of the San Francisco's private health care providers. This testing facility will develop and establish a new model for highly accessible, repeatable testing efforts to help ensure the safety of the City's critical employees, their families, and the people they serve.

More information about COVID-19 testing and the DPH Public Health Laboratory [here](#).

LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

As of April 20, Laguna Honda Hospital currently has 19 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Fifteen of the confirmed cases are staff and four are residents. There have been no new cases among residents since April 7th. We expect more cases of COVID-19 in the Laguna Honda community, among staff and residents, because the virus is now spreading throughout the Bay Area. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are on site, providing guidance and assistance to the facility.

Vulnerable Populations: People Experiencing Homelessness

The City continues implementing plans to reduce COVID-19 exposure risk and address any positive cases in all congregate settings.

On April 5, 2020, two guests at MSC South shelter were confirmed as COVID-19 positive. DPH immediately began conducting contact investigations and testing all MSC South shelter guests and staff while the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) began moving guests out.

As of April 20, 96 guests and 10 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. DPH and HSH made the decision to convert MSC South into a COVID-19 Recovery Center to serve COVID-19 positive people experiencing homelessness. All MSC South guests have been moved to hotels, isolation, quarantine, or shelter-in-place sites, depending on their needs. Staff who have tested positive have been offered isolation hotel rooms if they do not have a safe alternative in their own homes.

STAY INFORMED

The most important thing that people can do is to follow the Public Health Order to stay home except for essential needs, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently and look out for one another. For the latest news on COVID-19, visit sf.gov and sign up for the City's alert service for official updates: text **COVID19SF** to **888-777**.

Health Department welcomes Michael Phillips, CEO of Laguna Honda Hospital

The Health Department is pleased to introduce Michael Phillips as the CEO of Laguna Honda Hospital. Michael brings exceptional expertise as a veteran executive with a background in the healthcare and hospitality industries. He has a successful track record of building and leading large organizations and high-performing business units. Michael has an extensive background in the acute care and post-acute care settings and has been instrumental in improving organizational performance. He specializes in leading large, complex and multi-faceted organizations in highly regulated industries.

Most recently, Michael served as CEO at Silver Lake Medical Center, a two-hospital system located in downtown Los Angeles. Prior to serving at Silver Lake, Michael served in executive leadership roles at Kaiser Permanente, PacifiCare Asia Pacific, Kindred Healthcare and Cedars-Sinai Health Systems.

**SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK
ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL
HOSPITAL & TRAUMA CENTER**

March 2020

Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
(3/19/20 MEC)

	3/2020	07/2019 to 07/2020
<i>New Appointments</i>	5	97
Reinstatements		
<i>Reappointments</i>	49	351
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	9	116
<i>Disciplinary Actions</i>		
Administrative Suspension		1
<i>Restriction/Limitation-Privileges</i>		
Deceased		
<i>Changes in Privileges</i>		
Voluntary Relinquishments	7	74
Additions	1	74
Proctorship Completed	11	128

Current Statistics – as of 3/2/20		
Active Staff	551	
<i>Courtesy Staff</i>	565	
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	281	
TOTAL MEMBERS	1397	

<i>Applications in Process</i>	14
Applications Withdrawn Month of March 2020	1
SFGH Reappointments in Process 4/1/20 to 6/30/20	211

**LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND
REHABILITATION CENTER**

March 2020

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(March 5, 2020 Medical Exec Committee)

	March	(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	0	10
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	2	37
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired/Separated	0	10
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	3	7
Proctorship Extension	0	1

Current Statistics – as of 3/03/2020		
Active Medical Staff	34	
As-Needed Medical Staff	15	
External Consultant Medical Staff	46	
Courtesy Medical Staff	3	
Affiliated Health Practitioners	13	
TOTAL MEMBERS	111	

Applications in Process	0
Applications Withdrawn this month	0

Public Comment:

Michael Petrelis saluted the DPH for doing an excellent job in rolling out the COVID-19 response. He also thanked all San Francisco citizens for adhering to social distancing rules. He requested more information on current coordination with other regional public health departments.

Dr. Teresa Palmer, stated that her mother lives at The Jewish Home and that the lack of COVID-19 testing in nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities is a statement that the lives of residents and staff in these facilities are not worthwhile. She warned of a second wave of COVID-19 cases.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the timeline for Michael Phillips to fully assume the LHH CEO role. Dr. Colfax stated that Maggie Rykowski, who has served as LHH Acting CEO since last summer, will assist Mr. Phillips with his transition to LHH CEO until June 1, 2020.

5) CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

Grant Colfax, MD, Director of Health, presented the item.

Public Comment:

Jessica Lehman, Senior Disability Action, acknowledged the hard work of the San Francisco response. She is concerned about board and care, long term care, and other congregate facilities. She gave the following recommendations: immediately test all staff and residents in any facility with a suspected COVID-19 case, testing on demand at congregate settings, transparency about testing at congregate settings, exploring whether residents at congregate settings could be housed with a family or friend during the crisis to limit exposure, and move residents who test COVID-19 positive out of congregate settings.

Ligio Montano, Senior Disability Action, requested increased COVID-19 testing on demand at congregate settings.

Dr. Teresa Palmer stated that San Francisco needs to increase testing capacity at senior homes. She doesn't understand how San Francisco can open up a COVID-19 recovery ward at The Jewish Home without a robust testing program. She requested a cease of admissions to The Jewish Home Covid-19 recovery ward until all staff and residents can be tested on an ongoing basis.

Michael Petrelis asked where are the tests for vulnerable populations? He recommended that vulnerable populations should be prioritized for COVID-19 tests. He noted that he lives in the San Francisco zip code with the highest number of cases. He also requested regular town halls for San Francisco that enable citizens to ask questions.

Michael, from Senior Disability Action, stated that placing COVID-19 positive patients in senior congregate facilities makes no sense.

Betty Trainer, Western Addition resident, lives near Central Gardens Convalescence and was shocked to hear about so many COVID-19 cases. She urged an increase in testing in convalescence homes and a priority for testing in San Francisco.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung noted that Central Gardens is a private facility and asked how the DPH can help keep this type of facility accountable in regard to testing protocols. Dr. Colfax stated that residents of skilled nursing facilities and congregate settings, and those over the age of 60 are the priority of the City's COVID-19 response. He reminded the Commissioners that the state has jurisdiction over skilled nursing facilities. He added that the DPH has been sharing the Center for Disease Control recommendations and those developed by the DPH in regard to Laguna Honda Hospital with local congregate facilities. The state has sent inspectors to nursing homes with COVID-19 outbreaks in San Francisco; the DPH is continuing to monitor the findings of the state inspections. When there is a case, the DPH conducts contact tracing and investigations.

Commissioner Chung stated that there is a higher rate of COVID19 in the Latinx community in San Francisco. She noted that other social determinants, such as immigration issues during this federal administration, may be impacting access to care for individuals in these communities. She asked how the DPH is addressing the community fear in regard to testing. Dr. Colfax stated that the San Francisco team in charge of the city-wide

response has attempted to keep in mind the issues Commissioner Chung mentioned and have worked with Latinx community partners. He added that the City is attempting to develop the COVID-19 response to deal with health inequities and relevant socioeconomic issues. City COVID-19 public health materials are being developed in many languages including Spanish and indigenous languages.

Commissioner Guillermo noted that Los Angeles will begin to test individuals in prisons and congregate care settings with no symptoms and asked if San Francisco will also follow this practice. Dr. Colfax stated that the state released new guidelines for COVID-19 testing and noted that individuals with no symptoms remain low on the prioritization. He added that as the supply chain for testing supplies increases, San Francisco will increase its testing capacity.

Commissioner Guillermo asked for more information regarding the higher number of Asian individuals who have died due to COVID-19. Dr. Colfax noted that some of those who identified as Asian, who died of COVID-19, participated on cruises; others were some of the most elderly of the group that has died from COVID-19.

Commissioner Green asked for more information regarding the contact tracing program being developed by the City. Dr. Colfax stated that the City continues to build its contract tracing program. He noted that easing shelter in place orders will depend on increased testing and contact tracing programs. He also stated that the DPH is currently training a group of individuals to conduct contact tracing.

Commissioner Green asked for more information regarding placement of individuals who are recovering from COVID-19 after they are released from a hospital. Dr. Colfax stated that future rapid testing options will enable quicker decisions regarding post-hospital placements. He reminded the Commission that testing has an error rate which does not make it 100% reliable. He also stated that future antibody testing will assist in better understanding the spread of COVID-19 locally. Dr. Colfax noted that San Francisco has rented a large number of hotel rooms as placement options for individuals recovering from COVID-19 who are released from a hospital.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for a timeline on when the City will reach its goal of training 150 individuals to conduct contact tracing. Dr. Colfax stated that the DPH is currently working on training a group of individuals to conduct contract tracing. He noted that the workforce for this first group is comprised of other City Department staff and medical students; others will have to be identified for the long term effectiveness of the program.

Commissioner Giraudo asked for more information regarding how the DPH is planning for behavioral health needs as a response to COVID-19. Dr. Colfax stated that Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, Director of Mental Health Reform, and Marlo Simmons, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services, are working on plans to address current and future behavioral health needs.

Commissioner Chow asked for more information regarding the COVID-10 unit at The Jewish Home. Dr. Colfax stated that the state conducted an assessment at The Jewish Home and authorized the facility's COVID-19 prevention plan.

Commissioner Chow requested additional information regarding COVID-19 response for SRO residents. Dr. Colfax stated that the DPH has been very active in working with the SRO community in regard to prevention and response. An SRO taskforce, comprised of several CCSF Departments, has been created to coordinate these efforts. Hotel rooms have been offered to impacted SRO residents.

Commissioner Bernal asked what percentage of those in intensive care are on ventilators. Dr. Colfax stated that approximately 75% of those in intensive care are on ventilators. He added that the City expanded its ventilator capacity by 91%.

Commissioner Bernal asked for more information regarding the decrease in number of people under investigation (PUI) Dr. Colfax stated that he tracks this data and so far there is a not discernable trend.

Dr. Colfax emphasized the importance of social distancing and wearing masks in the prevention of COVID-19. Key elements to relax social distancing would include an increase in testing, increase contact tracing, and a decrease of “the curve.” In addition, the current hospital capacity would need to remain in order to respond to future outbreaks.

Dr. Tomas Aragon, DPH Health Officer and Director of the Population Health Division, stated that we are currently in phase one of the COVID-19 response, which has a goal of slowing the COVID-19 progression and increasing hospital capacity. Phase two includes relaxing of sheltering in place which requires increases in testing, case investigation and contact tracing, while ensuring that hospital capacity remains robust. Phase three involves a vaccine and effective treatment. He stated that the City is attempting to align with state regulations whenever possible.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

7) RESOLUTION: “HONORING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ITS ONGOING RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS”

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal acknowledged the efforts of all San Franciscans in sheltering in place and wearing masks. He gave special thanks to DPH employees who have worked tirelessly in the past several months in their COVID-19 prevention and response efforts.

Commissioner Chow stated that that DPH has been stellar in its response to COVID-19 and he acknowledged that the resolution does not do justice to each individual employee.

Commissioner Chung thanked Dr. Colfax and Dr. Aragon for their leadership. She is thankful to live in San Francisco due to its high quality and compassionate care.

Commissioner Giraud shared her gratitude for the DPH for its work to combat COVID-19.

Commissioner Guillermo reinforced the message of gratitude and respect for the entire DPH and noted that at the DPH had vacancies in some important leadership positions when the pandemic began. She acknowledged the suffering of vulnerable populations around the country and stated her wish that all Americans have the benefit of the incredible San Francisco leadership.

Commissioner Green noted that she works in a hospital each day so understands the experience of the frontline workers. The leadership and guidance of the DPH and City leadership has saved lives and gives comfort to those working of the front lines.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the resolution. (see attachment)

Dr. Colfax thanked the Commission for the recognition of all the incredible work being done by the entire DPH team.

8) MONTHLY CONTRACTS REPORT

Michelle Ruggels, Director of the SFDPH Business Office, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bernal noted that the full Commission is currently taking on all business that were previously dealt with by committee.

Commissioner Chow thanked Ms. Ruggels and other staff for the robust amount of information regarding the three San Francisco Health Plan contracts.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the Contracts Report.

9) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH PRC/BAKER PLACES TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPITE CENTER AT 1156 VALENCIA STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALLED "1156 VALENCIA HUMMINGBIRD RESPITE" FOR THE PERIOD OF 04/01/2020-06/30/2022 (2 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS). THE TOTAL PROPOSED CONTRACT AMOUNT IS \$7,779,339 WHICH INCLUDES A 12% CONTINGENCY.

Michelle Ruggels, Director of the SFDPH Business Office, presented the item.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the contract.

10) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH BARDY DIAGNOSTICS TO PROVIDE A CARDIAC RHYTHM AMBULATORY MONITORING DEVICE (CAM) FOR USE BY PATIENTS OF DPH. THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,151,068 FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2020 TO APRIL 30, 2023 WHICH INCLUDES A TWO-YEAR OPTION TO RENEW (36 MONTHS).

Rosalyn Ferrer, ZSFG Occupational Health Services Nursing Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked if the contract will fund services as they are utilized. Rosalyn Ferrer, ZSFG Occupational Health Service Nursing Director, stated that the DPH will only utilize and fund needed services.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the contract.

11) ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL REGULATORY AFFAIRS STATUS REPORT

Adrian Smith, LHH Acting Chief Quality Officer, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chow asked for the citation related to the Governing Body in a CMS survey. Mr. Smith stated that the citation related to lack of documentation of communication to the LHH JCC regarding a specific contract. Moving forward, LHH will present contract-related metrics to the JCC in a more standardized format.

12) ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL (ZSFG) MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Clare Horton MD, ZSFG Chief of Staff, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Green asked if the OB/GYN Privileges list includes telehealth standards. Dr. Horton stated that telehealth has not been specifically mentioned in any of the ZSFG privileges.

Commissioner Green noted that hysteroscopic sterilization has been banned so requested that this be removed from the document before the vote.

Action Taken: The Health Commission unanimously approved the following:

- OB/GYN Privileges List
- Orthopedic Surgery Privileges List
- Physician Assistant Practice Agreement
- Physician Assistant Preamble
- OB/GYN Standardized Procedure

13) OTHER BUSINESS:

This item was not discussed.

14) CLOSED SESSIONS

A) Public comment on whether to convene in closed session and all matters pertaining to the closed session.

B) Vote on whether to hold a Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.11)

C) Closed Session Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1156, 1156.1, 1157, 1157.5 and 1157.6, and 1157.7; Health and Safety Code Section 1461; San Francisco Administrative Code Sections 67.5, 67.8, 67.8-1, and 67.10; and California Constitution, Article I, Section 1.

CONSIDERATION OF ZUCKERBERG SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALING MATTERS

CONSIDERATION OF LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER MEDICAL CREDENTIALING MATTERS

CONSIDERATION OF LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER MEDICAL REGULATORY AFFAIRS REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER MEDICAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY REPORTS AND PEER REVIEWS

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

1. Discussion and vote to elect whether to disclose any portion of the closed session discussion that is not confidential under Federal or State law, The City Charter, or Non-Waivable Privilege (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a).) (Action Item)
2. Possible report on action taken in closed session (Government Code Sections 54957.1(a) and 54957.7(b) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(b).)

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously voted not to disclose information discussed in closed session.

15) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 20-5

**HONORING THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ITS ONGOING
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

WHEREAS, Dr. Grant Colfax, San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Director of Health, initiated DPH planning efforts to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in late January 2020, and began reporting to the Health Commission on COVID-19 related information and activities at that time; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, Mayor London Breed, with input from Dr. Colfax and Dr. Thomas Aragon, San Francisco Health Officer and Director of the DPH Population Health Division, was one of the first cities in the United States to declare a local emergency due to the threat posed by COVID-19. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors concurred in the Mayor's proclamation Emergency on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Dr. Tomas Aragon declared a local emergency under the California Health and Safety Code, and the Board of Supervisors concurred; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, the City issued public health guidance to encourage social distancing to disrupt the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Dr. Aragon ordered City facilities to cancel non-essential group events of more than 50 people and prohibited visitors to Laguna Honda Hospital; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Dr. Aragon issued an order prohibiting public gatherings of 1,000 people or more; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Dr. Aragon issued an order prohibiting gatherings of 100 people or more; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Colfax and Dr. Aragon worked closely with Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Marin County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County to align the Bay Area in a uniquely coordinated COVID-19 prevention and response effort; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Dr. Aragon issued an order, coordinated with 5 other Bay Area Counties, for residents to stay safe at home through April 7, 2020, and on March 31, 2020, Dr. Aragon extended the stay at home order until May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom, following the leadership of San Francisco and 5 other Bay Area counties, issued an Executive Order to require Californians stay at home; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aragon has continued to put forth a series of other detailed and innovative Health Officer Orders that outline necessary preventative measures to protect the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans, with a focus on the most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Colfax, and other DPH Executive Leadership, has continued working closely with local and state leaders in the complex procurement of necessary space to expand San Francisco's hospital and medical shelter capacity, and purchasing personal protective equipment, and testing supplies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Colfax, Dr. Aragon, and other DPH leadership has coordinated with other local hospitals, academic institutions, private practices, non-profit organizations, and businesses to develop a San Francisco community of care, including sharing of medical staff and precious resources to increase medical surge capacity and overall resources devoted to the City's COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to provide transparency and keep the public informed, Dr. Colfax, Dr. Aragon, and Dr. Susan Philip, Deputy Health Officer and Director of DPH Disease Prevention and Control, continue to participate in ongoing City and County of San Francisco press conferences to communicate important COVID-19 case data, testing data, and give updates on the public health response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission commends Dr. Grant Colfax, for his steadfast and compassionate leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. He continues to lead the DPH through the ultimate challenge of temporarily repurposing a \$2 billion, 8,000 employee, City Department to respond to an ongoing health crisis, while ensuring that the essential regular health delivery and public health functions of the DPH continue to be provided.; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission extends its gratitude to the Dr. Tomas Aragon for his courageous leadership as Health Officer. During this crisis, his Health Officer Orders have been progressive and effective in providing clear guidance necessary for San Franciscans to protect their health and save lives; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission acknowledges the enormous contributions and outstanding leadership of the DPH staff who rotate responsibilities as DPH Incident Commanders, responsible for multi-faceted and complex operations of the DPH portion of the Emergency Operation Center. These individuals include Dr. Naveena Bobba, DPH Deputy Director of Health, Dr. Susan Philip, Deputy Health Officer and Director of DPH Disease Prevention and Control, Dr. Ayanna Bennett, Director of DPH Office of Health Equity, and Tosan Boyo, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Chief Operating Officer; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission recognizes the effective leadership of Dr. Susan Ehrlich, Chief Executive Officer of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG), and Maggie Ryskowski, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, for their incredible leadership and hard work to ensure each hospital continues to implement appropriate COVID-19 preparation and response; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission expresses its deep gratitude for every Department of Public Health employee for the vital contributions made each day to benefit the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans. Special thanks and admiration from the Commission go to those working directly with members of the public in COVID19 testing centers, labs, and other medical settings, shelters, hotels, and on the street, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission thanks the staff of all DPH partners, especially other City and County of San Francisco Departments, local hospitals, with special appreciation to UCSF which partners with the DPH to operate ZSFG, and community based organizations, for the ongoing work implemented each day to impact and save lives of San Franciscans; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission encourages the Department and its partners and City departments to continue the extraordinary collaboration to successfully combat the pandemic for the health and safety of our communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission thanks all members of the public for their immediate compliance and cooperation with initiatives that are protecting the most vulnerable individuals in San Francisco; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission expresses deep appreciation to Mayor London Breed for her bravery and skill in leading the City during this crisis, and to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, for their support on public health related issues and leadership during this time.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 21, 2020 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary