

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 034-85

REQUEST TO THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DECLARE A CITY AND COUNTY POLICY IN FAVOR OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S LITIGATION TO OVERTURN THE ANTI-ABORTION RESTRICTIONS IN THE STATE'S 1985/86 BUDGET ACT; AND URGING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO JOIN PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S LAWSUIT.

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1985 the Governor signed the 1985/86 State Budget Act, which included a provision, Control Section 33.35; and

WHEREAS, Control Section 33.35 provides that "No funds appropriated for the Office of Family Planning shall be granted, directly or indirectly, to any group, clinic, or organization which performs, promotes, or advertises abortions, or which receives any direct or indirect compensation, advantage, benefit, or gain from referrals for abortion services;" and

WHEREAS, under Office of Family Planning standards, every agency participating in the family planning services program must, as a condition of receiving state funds, offer pregnancy counseling and referral services to assist a woman in achieving her immediate reproductive goals, and these counseling and referral services must include an unbiased presentation of all applicable alternatives, including pregnancy termination (abortion); and

WHEREAS, the family planning clinic at San Francisco General Hospital provides medical, educational and counseling services including contraception, pregnancy testing, abortion, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, infertility services, prenatal and postpartum care, pelvic and breast examinations, pap smears, blood pressure testing, urinalysis, colposcopy, birth control and abortion counseling, and abortion referrals to more than 5,000 patients a year, many of whom are low-income; and

WHEREAS, the family planning clinic at San Francisco General Hospital will lose approximately half of its one-million-dollar budget if the restrictions contained in Section 33.35 are not overturned in court; and

WHEREAS, the five district health centers of the Department of Health provide medical, educational and counseling services including contraception, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, prenatal and postpartum care, pelvic and breast examinations, pap smears, blood pressure testing, urinalysis, birth control and abortion counseling, and abortion referrals to approximately 8,000 patients a year, many of whom are low-income; and