

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 040-85

RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR TO SUPPORT INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has coordinated a public/private partnership in the development of a sober residence hotel in the Tenderloin which provides long-term housing and peer counseling for up to 172 persons who are in need of such services; and

WHEREAS, a significant need for additional long term housing has been identified for San Francisco residents who have medical, psychiatric, or substance abuse problems; and

WHEREAS, The City and County now funds treatment for patients in its acute and sub-acute mental health and substance abuse facilities; and

WHEREAS, Some of these patients stay in these facilities longer than medically necessary because they do not have safe, affordable, supportive, long-term housing; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development provides access to low-interest rehabilitation loans, and funds community development activities which acquire and rehabilitate affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has in the past assisted in the acquisition of hotels through the Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development for low-income housing; and

WHEREAS, Some of these hotels currently have vacancies which could be appropriately utilized by clients who have been treated and discharged from mental health and substance abuse programs; and

WHEREAS, Many of these clients are indigent, or receive social security, veterans benefits, or general assistance through the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Services now provides payment to some residential hotels for housing its clients; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission urges the Mayor's Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Department of Social Services to continue to work with the Department of Public Health staff to plan, develop, and finance the establishment of low-income housing units for those persons who have been identified by the department's health care providers as needing long-term residence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission requests that a member of the Mayor's financial advisory group be available to the Department of Public Health staff to assist in securing private financial resources to fund long term residential facilities.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of September 3, 1985*

Secretary