

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 71-86

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE LAROCHE INITIATIVE WHICH REQUIRES MANDATORY TESTING OF PERSONS SUSPECTED TO HAVE THE AIDS ANTIBODY.

Whereas, the Health Commission has been charged with preserving and protecting the public health; and

Whereas, The Health Commission has authorized the department to provide prevention, intervention, education, research and treatment services for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in order to promote and protect the public health; and

Whereas, there are existing statutes and laws which enable the department of health all necessary authority to protect the public health in the AIDS epidemic; and

Whereas, AIDS is not transmitted by causal contact, yet the LaRouche initiative may be interpreted by some citizens to require inappropriate and unnecessary intervention measures such as quarantine of infected individuals, widespread testing programs of food handlers, school teachers, and students; and

Whereas, the Health Commission considers the provisions of the initiative to be medically, socially, and financially unnecessary for the preservation of health; and

Whereas, estimates on the cost to implement the legislation range from \$69 million for the City and County of San Francisco to \$7 billion Statewide; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission declares its opposition to the initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to declare opposition to the LaRouche Initiative as the official position of the City and County.

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of August 19th, 1986*

Monique J. Smith
Secretary