

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 121-88

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S REVENUE PACKAGE AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION RESTORING BUDGET CUTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Whereas, the Health Commission in February, 1988 approved and transmitted to the Mayor a "maintenance of services" budget for the Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 1988-89; and,

Whereas, the total proposed cuts of \$27 million in the maintenance budget of the Department, including \$11.9 million at San Francisco General Hospital and its clinics, would seriously compromise care for infants, children, mothers, AIDS patients, frail elderly, trauma patients, psychiatric patients, and emergency patients; and,

Whereas, the existing fiscal and staffing limitations at San Francisco General Hospital result in a prolonged waiting time to get outpatient clinic appointments, long periods of waiting in the Emergency Room to see a physician, delays in getting patients to the operating or delivery room, and the inability to provide timely prenatal and perinatal care; and,

Whereas, additional proposed cuts at SFGH could irreparably harm the hospital and its clinics and jeopardize its licensing and accreditation standards; and,

Whereas, it should be noted the Department of Public Health provides environmental protection, emergency medical services, preventive health care, substance abuse services, AIDS education, mental health counseling, and a range of other public health services that benefit the San Francisco business community and its employees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support the Mayor's revenue package and the supplemental appropriation restoring budget cuts in the Department of Public Health.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously approved by the Health Commission at its meeting of June 21, 1988.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission