

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 148-89

RESOLUTION ON STATE CUTBACKS IN FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the availability of comprehensive family planning services is essential to the health of our community; and,

WHEREAS, over the last two decades publicly-funded family planning services in San Francisco and throughout California have had demonstrable benefits in assisting families in having planned and healthy babies; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Deukmejian has now proposed a severe cutback in State funds necessary to support these services; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's actions would result in drastic reductions or elimination of these essential health services to over 16,000 mostly poor and minority women in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of family planning services for these women would result in an increase in unintended pregnancies and adverse birth outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, these cutbacks would also result in decreased screening and primary care treatment for breast, cervical and uterine cancers, sexually transmitted diseases, and other health conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the fiscal effect of the Governor's cutbacks will cause a significant increase, not a decrease, in public expense; and,

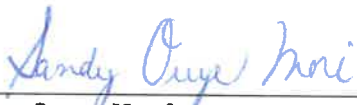
WHEREAS, in San Francisco alone it is estimated that the resulting \$950,000 reduction in family planning services will lead to an approximate \$10 million increase in medical expenses involving unintended pregnancies and adverse birth outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, the human and financial cost of the Governor's decision will fall on those in our society least able to bear it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to express strong disapproval of the Governor's cutback in support for these vital health care services; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to advocate to the Governor and the State Legislature that it is imperative on public health and fiscal grounds that State support for family planning services in San Francisco and throughout California be fully restored.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Health Commission at its meeting of July 11, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission