

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 36-90

RESOLUTION ON THE DISCONTINUANCE OF
OBSTETRICAL SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Health Care Planning Ordinance stipulates that prior to a hospital inpatient or outpatient facility reducing or eliminating any of its services, public notice will be given to the San Francisco Health Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission held a hearing on October 2, 1990, regarding the decision by the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Hospital to discontinue obstetrical services effective November 5, 1990; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of St. Mary's Hospital testified that, because of a decreasing number of patients using the obstetrical services of the hospital, the Board had determined it would not be possible to maintain the hospital's clinical or administrative standards for these services; and,

WHEREAS, the testimony documented that between 650 and 700 inpatients (including approximately 150 patients referred from Marin County), and between 325 and 375 outpatients annually are anticipated to be affected by the closure; and,

WHEREAS, although referrals of patients to other area hospitals are being discussed, these referrals are not yet definite in all cases; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission acknowledges and understands that the St. Mary's Board of Directors reached this decision with great reluctance, and that the Board was influenced in large measure by the financial strain on the Hospital of providing services to patients with limited or no insurance coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the discontinuance of an essential service provided by St. Mary's Hospital to patients in San Francisco over the last 133 years will have an effect on the community's access to obstetrical care, especially to indigent women; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission finds that the discontinuance of obstetrical services at St. Mary's Hospital is likely to have a detrimental impact on the health care service of the community.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 1990.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Secretary to the Health Commission