

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 16-91

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE MAYOR'S ACTION CHALLENGING THE U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY'S REFUSAL TO REVISE THE 1990 U.S. CENSUS POPULATION FIGURES, DESPITE EVIDENCE THAT MORE THAN 5 MILLION PEOPLE NATIONWIDE WERE OVERLOOKED IN THE ORIGINAL COUNT

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau in the 1990 census determined that the population of the United States was 248.7 million people, and that the population of the State of California was 29.8 million people, and that the population of the City and County of San Francisco was 723,959; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau also conducted a subsequent survey to determine the accuracy of the census counts; and the findings of the survey concluded that the original census undercounted by 5.3 million people nationwide, 1.1 million statewide, and 33,000 in the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the survey indicated that the undercounts were disproportionately distributed, with inner city residents and minorities more likely to be undercounted; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is the most culturally and ethnically diverse urban community in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 over 45 federal programs distributed more than \$17 billion in health human services assistance based on the census counts; and

WHEREAS, in order to accurately estimate rates of morbidity and mortality, changes in morbidity and mortality, and health needs and trends, it is necessary to have accurate census data; and

WHEREAS, allocation of other sources of funding, including governmental, private foundations, and programs targeted to special populations are often based on census counts; now, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the Mayor's actions to pursue a legal challenge of the U.S. Commerce Secretary's decision, in conjunction with other cities, based on the severe and disproportionate impact such a decision has on the residents of San Francisco, including the reduced opportunities for obtaining proportionate representation and resources for their health and well-being.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, August 6, 1991.



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Secretary to the Health Commission