

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 27-93

**APPROVING THE WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT  
THE PERSON APPOINTED TO FILL THE POSITION OF  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH BE A PHYSICIAN**

WHEREAS, Charter Section 3.696 gives the Health Commission the power to appoint the Director of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 3.696 further provides that the Director of Public Health shall be a regularly licensed physician in the State of California, with not less than five years' experience in public health administration immediately preceding his or her appointment thereto; provided, however, that the physician requirement may be waived by the Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has undertaken a process for selecting a Director of Public Health and has received a number of applications for the position; and,

WHEREAS, some of these applications may be from persons who are not regularly licensed physicians in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for non-physicians to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of county health departments; and

WHEREAS, the determination whether to appoint a physician or non-physician cannot be made at this point in the selection process, but can only be made when individual applicants are evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission believes that the absence of a medical degree should not automatically disqualify an otherwise qualified person from consideration in the selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission further believes that consideration of all applicants, including non-physician applicants, will provide the best opportunity for finding the most qualified person for the position; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of the physician requirement at this stage of the selection process does not in any way preclude the Health Commission from appointing a person to serve as Director of Public Health who is a physician; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission hereby waives the requirement that the person appointed to fill the position of Director of Public Health be a physician.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, November 2, 1993.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission