

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 7-93

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED FURTHER REDUCTIONS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FY 1993-94 AND A
RESTRUCTURING OF THE FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, over the last two years, the Department of Public Health has saved over \$100 million of General Fund revenues primarily through a combination of revenue enhancements and organizational restructuring; and

WHEREAS, in developing its 1993-94 budget to meet a requirement of an additional \$32 million of General Fund savings, the Department finally found it necessary to rely primarily on painful service cuts; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the City's deteriorating budget problem and the State shortfall, the Mayor has asked the Department to look at ways to save an additional \$25 million in General Fund revenues; and,

WHEREAS, Department staff has presented to the Health Commission four alternative ways to achieve some or all of such savings; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Health Commission finds that it would be inconsistent with its mission to sustain budget cuts of a magnitude necessary to reduce \$25 million in General Fund expenditures and, therefore, looks to the Mayor to provide leadership in developing a new vision as to how to balance the budget while maintaining the integrity of the Department of Public Health and, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urge the Mayor to consider alternatives to service cuts to balance the budget, including the potential for limiting the increase in employee compensation and options for increasing City revenues; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to enable the Department to operate more efficiently, the Health Commission endorses the Department's document "The City and County of San Francisco and the Department of Public Health Financial Relationship: An Agenda for Change" and urges the Mayor to work with the Department to implement such changes; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission and the Department offer their cooperation in working with the Mayor to develop an approach to the deficit that equitably distributes the burden among all elements of our community and preserves the critical services that the Department provides.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 1993.



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Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission