

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 10-94

**URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE  
HEALTH COMMISSION TO FUND NEEDED HEALTH RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, public safety is a significant concern of all San Franciscans, and the prevention of violence is a critical ingredient of effective public safety strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health are committed to the reduction of crime, particularly violent crime; and the Department of Public Health has incorporated in its mission the protection of health and safety of all San Franciscan; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health endorses the concept that violence is a public health issue for which prevention is a critical component; and,

WHEREAS, the City and County are investigating substantial resources to enhance a wide range of criminal justice activities designed to reduce crime; and,

WHEREAS, there are both direct and indirect linkages among the activities of criminal justice agencies and the services provided by the Department of Health; and,

WHEREAS, the City's General Fund currently supports approximately \$29 million annually in services within the Department of Public Health focusing on public safety, primarily in intervention, victim related services, and programs designed to provide basic medical and psychiatric services for incarcerated persons, and to offenders released by the criminal justice system; and.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has continued to face reductions in General Fund allocation, and currently needs to refocus all available resources to address the challenges of federal and state health reform, and cannot continue all of the existing range of crime related health services in its Fiscal Year 1994-95 budget allocation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that to maximize the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of health related public safety efforts, available funding must be redistributed by the Department of Public Health to emphasize prevention and treatment services; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to consider crime and violence related expenditures within the Department of Public Health as a critical part of funding targeted toward public safety priorities.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, March 1, 1994.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission