

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 38-94

**RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
THE MAYOR TO SUPPORT A PETITION DRIVE TO HAVE TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS REGULATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, a coalition of health care organizations has launched a petition drive to have the manufacture, sale, labeling, advertising and promotion of tobacco products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration; and,

WHEREAS, tobacco products are a major cause of cancer, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, stroke, low birth weight and other conditions resulting in an estimated 420,000 deaths each year; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors looks to the Health Commission to endorse proposals to rename City-owned health facilities before it is forwarded to them for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is this nation's Number One preventable cause of death; and,

WHEREAS, 3,000 children try cigarettes for the first time each and every day; and,

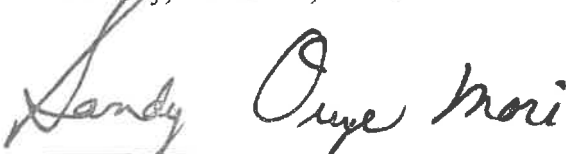
WHEREAS, tobacco products and the nicotine they contain are highly addictive; and

WHEREAS, unlike other legal products, such as foods and prescription drugs, no federal agency now has the authority to ensure that tobacco products are properly manufactured, sold, labeled or advertised; and,

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry has acted irresponsibly toward the public's health by withholding critical information about its products and by spending over \$5 billion each year on advertising and promotion to entice children to smoke; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Health Commission of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby recommend to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to support a petition drive to have the manufacture, sale, labeling, advertising and promotion of tobacco products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, October 4, 1994.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission