

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 16-95

RECOMMENDING REPEAL OF SECTION 15.7 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (SITE APPROVAL ORDINANCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS) AND DECLARING IT TO BE DEPARTMENT POLICY TO INFORM NEIGHBORHOODS OF SERVICES BEING OFFERED AND TO ACCOMMODATE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that State and local governments make reasonable modifications in policies, practices and procedures that deny equal access to individuals with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Section 15.7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code singles out mental health and substance abuse programs for special consideration and citing requirements and processes; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission believes Section 15.7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code is inconsistent with the spirit of State and Federal law regarding people with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission believes that a disabling condition should not adversely affect a person's access to housing or supportive living environments; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission believes that existing site approval requirements through the Planning Commission and program monitoring through the Health Commission are sufficient to determine the appropriateness of health programs without the additional requirements of Section 15.7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and,

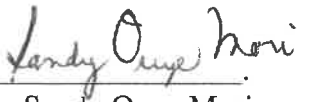
WHEREAS, the Health Commission also believes that it is important for all programs supported by the Department of Public Health to act as good neighbors in their respective communities and will consider the relationship between a program and its community in the review of program performance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors the repeal of Section 15.7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission directs the Director of Public Health to enforce the policy and practice to be a good neighbor, to provide information to neighborhoods in which programs are to be located about the services being offered, and to make every effort to accommodate neighborhood concerns and work with the community before and after location of programs within the limitations of budget as long as the integrity of programs and the rights of clients are not violated.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, June 6, 1995



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Executive Secretary to
The Health Commission