

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 21-95

**SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
PUBLIC HOSPITALS (CAPH) SB 855 EQUITY PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the Senate Bill 855 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment program was established to provide badly needed funding to hospitals serving a high volume of the Medicaid and indigent persons; and,

WHEREAS, funded solely by contributions from public hospitals, the program to-date has drawn more than \$4 billion in additional federal dollars for California's public and private hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, the number of non-children's private hospitals qualifying for funding has more than doubled and the net benefit to those hospitals has more than tripled; and,

WHEREAS, only public hospitals—county, University of California, and district hospitals—fund the entire \$239 million State share of the program; and,

WHEREAS, county hospitals provide the vast majority of the State's indigent care, and the number of Californians without health insurance is increasing steadily; and,

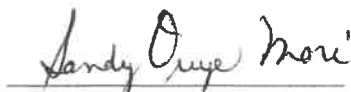
WHEREAS, years of budget cuts to local government have strained the resources for county hospitals to fulfill their mission not only to serve the poor, but also to provide high-cost services like trauma and burn care to the entire community; and,

WHEREAS, that in times of shrinking resources, funding must be targeted to core safety net institutions that have the mission and mandate to provide care to all who are in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission strongly supports the "CAPH SB 855 Equity Proposal" which would restore balance and equity to the SB 855 program by shifting \$100 million of much needed funding to public hospitals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support CAPH's SB 855 Equity Proposal.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, August 22, 1995



Sandy Ouye Mori
Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission