

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
RESOLUTION NO. 40-95

**REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DECLINING ABILITY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO OFFSET  
GENERAL FUND REDUCTIONS WITH REVENUES**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's total budget has increased from \$561.6 million in 1991-92 to \$659.7 million in 1995-96, a 17.5% increase of \$98.1 million; and,

WHEREAS, City and County of San Francisco General Fund support for the Department of Public Health has declined during the same period from \$177.3 million in 1991-92 to \$113.6 million in 1995-96, a 35.9% decrease of \$63.7 million; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has, in effect, been able to offset much of the decreasing General Fund support and the increasing cost of living by generating additional revenues over the last four years; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health projects a net decrease in revenues of approximately \$10-40 million in FY 1995-96 and 1996-97 as the result of the Republican Contract With America; and,

WHEREAS, legislative proposals that would cap entitlement programs by restricting eligibility for Federal and Federal/State assistance and/or reducing covered benefits would significantly reduce revenues for local health departments while at the same time increasing their responsibility for caring for more indigent and uninsured people; and,

WHEREAS, the only relief for local health departments being contemplated in current public policy debates is flexibility and release from unfunded mandates; and,

WHEREAS, restriction or reduction of basic health services for indigent and uninsured residents of San Francisco is inconsistent with good ethical and public health principles; and,

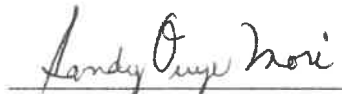
WHEREAS, FY 1994-95 and 1995-96 are likely to be critical transition years as the trend toward increasing revenues starts in the reverse direction and State and Federal budget cuts begin to take their effect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby request the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to take into consideration the declining ability of the Department of Public Health to compensate for decreased General Fund support with new revenues; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco make every effort possible within the resources available to protect the health care safety net for the neediest San Francisco residents against Federal and State budget cutbacks.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, December 19, 1995.



Sandy Ouye Mori  
Executive Secretary to  
the Health Commission