

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 16-07

**ACCEPTING THE LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER
ASSISTED LIVING FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, in 1999, San Francisco voters approved a ballot initiative that approved a general obligation bond to rebuild and retrofit the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Measure A envisioned both skilled nursing beds and assisted living units on the Laguna Honda campus; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission supports and encourages a range of options for people who need long term care and an assisted living development on the Laguna Honda campus reinforces the city's commitment to a continuum of care for seniors and adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Assisted Living Feasibility Study explores options for an Assisted Living Facility on the Laguna Honda campus

WHEREAS, an important goal of this study is to highlight best practices for similar assisted living facilities, and to determine which practices safeguard and value the dignity, independence, choice and safety of residents as defined in the guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study presents a vision statement to guide development of assisted living on the Laguna Honda campus, a recommendation to build an assisted living facility and a cost and operational analysis; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study went through a community process that included public meetings at the hospital and in the community and included Laguna Honda residents, hospital clinical and support staff, neighbors residing near the hospital, representatives of community-based organizations active in long-term care issues, disability rights advocates, advocates for health care accountability, the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council, the Department of Aging and Adult Services and the Mayor's Office on Disability; and

WHEREAS, residents of Laguna Honda Hospital eligible for lower levels of care expressed overwhelming support for construction of assisted living and expressed concerns regarding the need for adequate assistance with activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, residents of Laguna Honda Hospital supporting inclusion of various services such as vocational rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, therapeutic recreation and activity therapy; and


WHEREAS, among all who testified during the community process no dispute arose as to the increasing needs for long-term care options, especially for San Francisco's safety net population, and the city's limited ability to serve that need; and

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WHEREAS, the feasibility study recommends that the city expand its continuum of care on the Laguna Honda campus by constructing an assisted living facility that would have a total potential capacity of 240 residents, in buildings that meet the standards for a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly-Type II and that the buildings should be constructed as financing becomes available; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission accepts the Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Assisted Living Feasibility Study.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of December 4, 2007 adopted this resolution.



Mark Morewitz, MSW
Health Commission Executive Secretary