

**HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 01-07**

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH'S BASE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a \$26 million shortfall for fiscal year 2007-08 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that Departments submit budgets that reduce their General Fund subsidy by 3%; and

WHEREAS, the projected cost of this reduction to the Department of Public Health is \$9.66 million; and

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$22.4 million in increases in its base budget including regulatory, inflationary and structural issues that are almost fully funded by increased revenues; and

WHEREAS, we have included the increased costs of doing business for our community partners and the University of California as part of our inflationary increases covered by our revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has identified \$3.4 million in reductions related to policy changes; and,

WHEREAS, this budget includes \$2.9M of Board of Supervisor addbacks from prior years in addition to \$10.8 million of expired grants which includes \$0.7 million in disaster planning grants which were in response to terrorism and which represent a new cost to local governments as federal grants expire, requiring a City-wide plan; and \$6.4 million in AIDS grants and earmarks including an anticipated loss of \$5.7 million in CARE Act funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has been unable to fund \$11.5 million of enhancements for vital services; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has a responsibility to maintain the safety net and public health services for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission is opposed to any cuts in current services; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves submission of the Department of Health's base budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 to the Mayor's Office; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisor to identify additional resources to support existing services and essential enhancements especially the need for epidemiologic assessment and planning to decrease ethnic disparities in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to consider the impact of approving new general fund supplemental budget items that will jeopardize the continuation of our safety net and vital services.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 17, 2007 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Rebekah Varela
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission