

**HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 09-07**

**URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO FUND CRITICAL DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2007 the Health Commission adopted a resolution approving the submission of the Department of Public Health's Base Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of people testified before the Health Commission about the impact that proposed budget reductions would have on their lives and the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget that was submitted to the Mayor's Office included \$2.14 million in reductions that were accepted by the Health Commission, and also included funding requests for structural, regulatory and inflationary needs, new initiatives, and funding for expired grants, all of which are critical to furthering the mission of the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor released his proposed fiscal year 2007-2008 budget on June 1, 2007 and, in order to achieve a balanced budget, the budget includes more than \$6 million in reductions to the Public Health Budget in addition to those accepted by the Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed budget includes \$9,212,320 of the \$14,670,381 submitted in the base budget for regulatory and structural requests, and restores funding for several expired grants, addressing Health Commission recommendations to do so, and also provides funding for several important initiatives, however was unable to fund all of the structural and regulatory needs or backfill all of the critical grants that are expiring; 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 is opposed to any cuts in current services that threaten the safety net, and furthermore has the responsibility to inform decision makers about critical health care needs; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the Board of Supervisor to identify additional resources to support existing services and essential enhancements to the Health Department's budget, specifically to provide funding for: Mammovan/Avon Health Educator; Backfill of the CARE Grant; Public Health Assessment Research Unit; health disparity initiatives; violence prevention initiative; Laguna Honda Hospital Transition Unit; Laguna Honda Hospital MIS Infrastructure; restoration of the addbacks; Health at Home and MCH Public Health Nurses; Adult Residential and Outpatient substance abuse slots; and Drug Free Youth POWER program; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission supports the funding of a community urgent care and acute diversion unit and the additional methadone maintenance slots provided through the van.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of June 19, 2007 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission