

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 06-08

**APPROVING SELECTED FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 MID-YEAR CUTS AND
REDUCTION INITIATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008/09, AND URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR AVOIDING SERIOUS CUTS
TO THE COUNTY'S HEALTH SAFETY NET SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a \$233 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2008-09 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund by 8% or \$28.1million; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office has requested the Department implement mid-year cuts to help address next year's shortfall; and,

WHEREAS, the Department used the budget principles adopted by this Health Commission to construct the least harmful budget cuts possible; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission held a budget public hearing on February 19, 2008 and a Beilenson hearing on the proposed mid-year reductions on March 4, 2008, and also held a special meeting on February 26, 2008 to review the Mid-Year cuts and 2008/09 reductions; and,

WHEREAS, early implementation of mid-year cuts save \$1.5 million in current year General Fund and generates total savings of \$2.7 million in General Fund compared to a September implementation of the 2008/09 budget, thereby preserving other core public health services ; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has discussed \$14.3 million in FY08-09 reductions that it could reluctantly approve towards the \$28.1 million target; and,

WHEREAS, significant additional work will be required to identify additional reductions in the Departments use of General Fund and meet the reduction targets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the implementation of mid-year cuts and the submission of select Fiscal Year 2008/09 reductions, which are detailed on the attached listing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission is deeply concerned about the extent of reductions proposed and the potential impact on the Department's ability to provide the wide range of services critical to fulfilling the mission of the Department; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the City cannot identify enough new revenue to prevent reductions, the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to preferentially protect health and human services over other services funded by the City and County.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 4, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission