

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Resolution No. 10-08**

**URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESTORE  
FUNDING FOR CRITICAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2008 the Health Commission adopted Resolution 09-08 approving the submission of the Department of Public Health's Base Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; 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, in order to meet the directives from the Mayor's Budget Office the proposed budget includes \$46.1 million in reductions that were reluctantly accepted by the Health Commission, including significant reductions to mental health, substance abuse, public health nursing and other services, all of which are critical to furthering the mission of the Department of Public Health; 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 Mayor and Board of Supervisor to identify additional resources to support critical safety net services, specifically to restore funding to the following three initiatives: Reduction in funding for Community Programs (including Behavioral Health Services, HIV Health Services, Primary Care and Housing); limiting mental health services only to people with serious mental illness; backfill the expired TB Grant.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of May 6, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.



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Michele M. Seaton  
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission