

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 15-08

**SUPPORTING REBUILDING SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND
TRAUMA CENTER AND PLACING A BOND MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2008
BALLOT**

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, as one of the nation's leading public hospitals, has continuously provided a wide range of ambulatory and acute care services to San Francisco residents for more than one hundred years; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center has received national and international recognition for excellence in services, such as trauma, primary care, AIDS care, psychiatric care, women and children's services, clinical research and clinical education; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, through its long-standing affiliation with the University of California at San Francisco, has been the nucleus for medical research in the areas of AIDS/HIV, lung biology, infectious diseases, neurology, and other healthcare concerns vital to the citizens of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the highly regarded staff of San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center provides an essential service through direct clinical care and through related medical research of diseases affecting the residents of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center plays a vital role as San Francisco's safety net hospital; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center is home to the region's only trauma center and also receives the most ambulances per day than any other hospital in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1953 requires that all acute care hospitals meet the highest seismic safety standards or face closure in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, in 2000 the City and County of San Francisco commissioned a seismic evaluation study that concluded that San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center has seismic deficiencies as described under SB 1953, and may not be capable of providing health care services to the public after a major seismic event and should be replaced; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001 the San Francisco Health Commission adopted Resolution 01-01 supporting the rebuild of San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed an \$887.4 million general obligation bond measure in order to build a new, seismically safe San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and

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WHEREAS, the new hospital will provide a structure that is seismically safe, cost-efficient, providing efficient and patient-centered care and serving the health care needs of our city for decades to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Health Commission reiterates its support for the rebuild of the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission supports the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 2008 ballot; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the placing of the San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center General Obligation Bond on the November 2008 ballot.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of July 15, 2008 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele M. Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission