

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 02-09

**APPROVING SELECTED FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 MID-YEAR CUTS,
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 mid-year shortfall of \$95 million dollars for fiscal year 2008-2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Budget Office has requested that the Department implement mid-year cuts to reduce its utilization of General Fund by \$26.7 million help address this 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 budget public hearings on November 18, 2008, on November 25, 2008, and on December 16, 2009, and a Beilenson hearing on the proposed mid-year reductions on January 6, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has discussed \$17.43 million in fiscal year 2008-2009 reductions that it could reluctantly approve towards the \$26.7 million target; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor approved \$14.2 million in Departmental fiscal year 2008-2009 reductions and did not accept \$3.23 million in reductions, including \$565,000 in HIV Prevention reductions, \$405,000 in Health-at-Home reductions, \$888,000 in Behavioral Health reductions, \$364,000 in Mental Health service reductions to the seriously mentally ill that require a charter amendment, \$315,000 in conversion of a 21-bed Psychiatric unit to non-acute status that requires State licensing approval, and \$895,000 in Security Outsourcing that requires legislative action; and,

WHEREAS, significant additional work will be required to identify additional reductions in the Department's 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 2008-2009 reductions, which are detailed on the attached Beilenson notice; 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 January 6, 2009 adopted the foregoing resolution.

James M. Soos
Acting Executive Secretary to the Health Commission