

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 03-09

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
FY 2009-2010 BASE BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is facing a \$575.6 million dollar shortfall for fiscal year 2009-10 and the Mayor's Budget Office has required that the Department reduce its utilization of General Fund in its base budget by \$50 million and submit an additional contingency cut list of \$50 million; 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 three public budget hearings on its FY 2009-10 base budget on February 3, 2009 and February 17, 2009 and March 3; and,

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the target budget reductions the Health Department will have to narrow the range of services offered by the Health Department; and,

WHEREAS the Health Commission has a responsibility to maintain the safety net and public health services for its most vulnerable residents; and,

WHEREAS the Health Commission is pleased that President Obama has already mitigated threats to deeper cuts by increasing the Federal Matching Medi-Cal funds, and the Commission appreciates the efforts of the Department and the Mayor's staff to identify revenue sources including those from the recently passed Recovery Act; and,

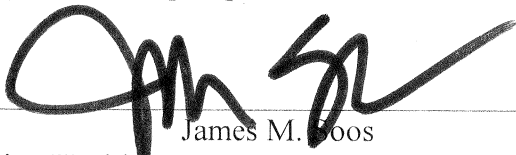
WHEREAS, the Health Commission continues to be concerned about the necessary departmental reductions which must be made as a result of the current failing economy; THEREFORE be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the submission of the FY 2009-2010 Department of Public Health Base Budget, excluding Section G (new initiatives); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to continue to work with the unions and other stakeholders to identify additional revenues to support public health services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that if the City and County of San Francisco cannot identify enough resources to prevent reductions, the Health Commission urges the Mayor to continue to demonstrate his commitment to protecting the most vulnerable residents of San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of March 3, 2009 adopted the foregoing resolution.



James M. Coos

Acting Health Commission Executive Secretary