

**HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Resolution No.     11-09**

**URGING THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TO PROTECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
FROM ADDITIONAL CUTS DUE TO STATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, the State of California recently cut its FY 2009-10 budget by \$24 billion due to State General Fund revenue shortfalls, including statewide cuts of more than \$2.2 billion to health programs; and

WHEREAS, the Controller's Office is estimating that the City and County of San Francisco is facing a potential \$123.3 million General Fund impact as a result of the State budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, \$86.9 million of the \$123.3 million General Fund impact can be financed leaving a \$36.4 million impact against an \$18.0 million City reserve for State cuts, leaving an \$18.4 million citywide deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (DPH) estimates that the impact to local health programs could be \$18.X million including reductions to Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, HIV Prevention and Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, County Health Services, and Public Health programs; and

WHEREAS, this reduction amounts to an additional 1.2% cut to DPH on top of the 6.5% cut that DPH made during the City's budget process; and

WHEREAS, DPH still faces \$12.3 million in structural shortfalls and unfunded items in its budget that will require mid-year program reductions and staff layoffs; and

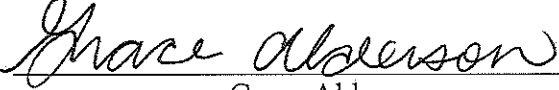
WHEREAS, hundreds of people testified before the Health Commission during the most recent budget season about the impact that proposed budget reductions would have on their lives and the lives of others; and

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 is deeply concerned about the extent of additional reductions resulting from State budget cuts and the impact on DPH's ability to provide the range of services critical to fulfilling its mission; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission strongly urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to protect the Department of Public Health from additional cuts due to State budget reductions.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of September 1, 2009 adopted the foregoing resolution.



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Grace Alderson

Acting Executive Secretary to the Health Commission