

**Health Commission
Resolution 3-10**

Endorsing the 2010 San Francisco HIV Prevention Plan and the Department of Public Health's New Direction for HIV Prevention

WHEREAS, the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council was formed in 1994 in response to the Centers for Disease Control's guidance requiring health departments to work collaboratively with community planning groups to design local prevention plans that best represent the HIV prevention needs of their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the HIV Prevention Section of the San Francisco Department of Public Health worked effectively alongside the HPPC to develop citywide HIV Prevention Plans in 1995, 1997, 2001, and 2004; and,

WHEREAS, the HIV Prevention Planning Council, with guidance and support from the HIV Prevention Section, has developed the 2010 HIV Prevention Plan of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the current rates of HIV infection in males who have sex with males remain unacceptably high, and new infection rates have not declined significantly over the past 5 years,

WHEREAS, rates of new HIV infections among transfemales who have sex with males are extremely high,

WHEREAS, injection drug users remain at significant risk for HIV infection,

WHEREAS, the Plan includes specific guidelines on prioritizing resources to the above populations at highest risk for HIV, in order to reach the Planning Council and Health Departments's goal of reducing new HIV infections by 50% in San Francisco by the year 2015,

WHEREAS, as part of the strategy to reach this goal the Plan includes the goal for all persons at high-risk for HIV to be tested every 6 months and DPH data show that approximately 70,000 more HIV tests need to be conducted in San Francisco to meet this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Plan also includes goals of addressing the drivers of HIV, ensuring access to sterile syringes and injection equipment, and reducing viral load to promote positive health outcomes and reduce infection rates;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the Plan outlines a change in the San Francisco HIV prevention paradigm and may lead to a reconfiguration of prevention services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission commends the HPPC and the DPH HIV Prevention Section for a thorough and rigorous planning process; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health Commission endorses the 2010 San Francisco HIV Prevention Plan and the HIV Prevention Section's implementation of new directions for HIV prevention.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of April 6, 2010 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Mark Morewitz
Health Commission Executive Secretary