

1 [HIV Treatment in Prisons Lawsuit]

2 Resolution urging the City Attorney to join the statewide  
3 injunction filed in U.S. District Court, San Francisco, by nine  
4 plaintiffs represented by Donald Specter of the Prison Law  
5 Office against the California State Corrections Department  
6 regarding insufficient treatment of prisoners with HIV.

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8 WHEREAS, Prisoners-rights advocates have accused the  
9 California State Corrections Department of systematically  
10 ignoring the medical needs of California's 160,000 prisoners,  
11 particularly ignoring the needs of HIV positive prisoners; and,

12 WHEREAS, Nine inmates and their lawyer Donald Specter of  
13 the Prison Law Office have filed a class action suit against the  
14 Corrections Department charging that the department's health  
15 care system suffers from poor training, staff shortages, delays  
16 in access to doctors and testing, interference by guards and  
17 insufficient care for HIV-positive prisoners; and,

18 WHEREAS, Obstructing prisoners from receiving care for life  
19 threatening diseases like HIV would constitute cruel and unusual  
20 punishment and the City of San Francisco opposes this kind of  
21 treatment of individuals who deserve the same basic rights as  
22 all citizens; and,

23 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco has a great interest in  
24 identifying ways of stopping the spread of HIV; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, Proliferation of HIV within correctional  
2 facilities is unconscionable when correctional facilities are  
3 controlled environments and one of the few areas where  
4 government can play a strong role in slowing the spread of HIV;  
5 and,

6           WHEREAS, Given the alleged civil rights abuses in this  
7 case, as well as the need to slow the spread of HIV, the City of  
8 San Francisco has a great interest in joining the above  
9 mentioned lawsuit; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
11 County of San Francisco urges the City Attorney to join the  
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13 Francisco, by nine plaintiffs represented by Donald Specter of  
14 the Prison Law Office against the California State Corrections  
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May 14, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Yee

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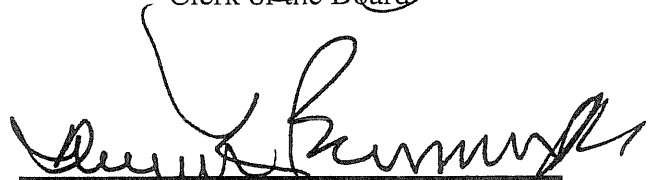
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 14, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board



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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.